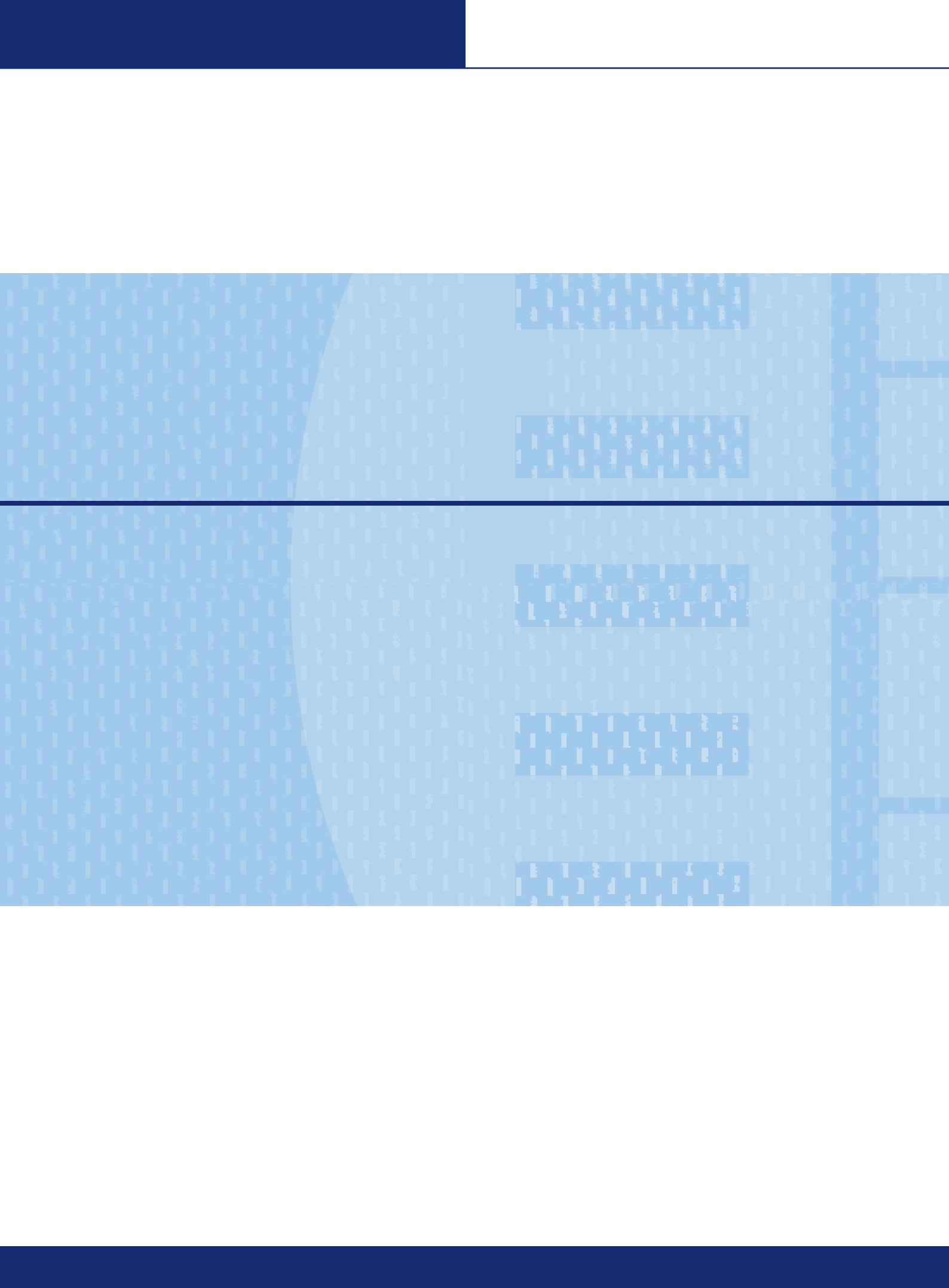


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From the desk of the Vice-Chancellor

THE University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN) was proud to receive notification of our ranking within the Top 500 Higher Education establishments in the world for 2008. Alongside the University of Cape Town and the University of the

Witwatersrand, we are one of only three African universities to be accorded this honour.

The Top 500 list for 2008 was produced by the Institute of Higher Education at Shanghai Jiao Tong University for the Government of China. It testifies to the quality research and knowledge production produced by UKZN academic staff.

From its inception, UKZN has been committed to becoming demographically representative, and to redressing the disadvantages, inequities and imbalances

of the past. The University has also committed itself to gender equality.

Taking into account South Africa's history, and the history of the two institutions which merged to form UKZN, these have not been easy goals to achieve, particularly at the level of University personnel. I am therefore delighted to announce that an analysis of the University's permanent (academic and support staff) staff shows that 70 percent are Black (African, Indian and Coloured). Fifty three percent of the permanent staff are

men, and 47 percent are women.

As regards academic staff, 49.7 percent are white, and 50.3 percent Black. The gender statistics for academic staff are the same as for all permanent staff.

The demographic and gender statistics are truly remarkable. They speak volumes of our commitment to South Africa's transformation and are cause for celebration for all who are associated with UKZN.

Professor MW Makgoba



From the desk of the Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Corporate Relations

AN incredible amount of work in line with the development agenda of both our University and society is being done within UKZN. Some of this work is highlighted in this issue of UKZN-TOUCH.

The article on African food security focuses on a project which aims to assess who needs what and where and how to cope. This project is directly

aligned with an important UKZN research thrust. Substantial funding from USAID for this project highlights the confidence that significant agencies have in our institution and academics like Professor Sheryl Hendricks who leads the initiative. In a similar vein the Howard Hughes Medical Institute plans to build a multi-million rand Research Institute with UKZN. Based on the Medical School Campus the Institute will undertake research on the diagnosis, pathogenesis, prevention and treatment of HIV and TB. Led by Professor Salim Abdool-Karim this new venture

is directly in line with our health security research thrust.

Our staff and students are excelling. Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE), students in the French Language Programme, and in the South African Chartered Accounting examinations have all excelled. Hayley Leck and Kelly Dyer received the Emma Smith Scholarships. Professors Jeff Guy, Patricia Berjak and Delia North also scooped prestigious awards. And to confirm that we are a contextually located institution, living African scholarship. Professor A Madaree led a team of 50 volun-

teers to Madagascar where 211 reconstructive operations were performed on children with cleft lips, cleft palates and other facial deformities. Such commitment and brilliance, evident at UKZN, can only be applauded.

Professor Dasarath Chetty



Message from the President and Chair of Convocation

THE merger between the Universities of Natal and Durban-Westville is described in academic circles as one of the most successful mergers in the country to date. I have no doubt that our institutional audit will reveal nothing else but just that. In this regard we owe our profound thanks and acknowledgement to the Vice-Chancellor, his Executive, the University Council and most importantly to the academic and support staff who work tirelessly behind the scenes. Together with the successful consolidation of the merger is the encouraging fact that research and publishing within

the University has indeed taken root. This is evident by the many prestigious research grants received by our academics which have maintained UKZN in second place nationally as far as research productivity is concerned.

The University conferred over 7 600 degrees and diplomas this year. Convocation took on its traditional role of proudly robing each of the graduates during 21 graduation sessions over a period of two weeks. On behalf of the University Council I wish to congratulate all those who have graduated and also to extend my thanks to my team on the Convocation Executive for giving of their time to perform this function in the dignified manner that they always do.

Convocation, together with the University's Foundation was instrumental in setting up the Alumni Bursary Fund which is marketed and administered by the Foundation. This Fund is in

its infancy and really needs our financial support. The purpose of this Fund is to assist deserving graduates who have a desire and passion to further their studies. This is a plea to all of us to please contribute in some small way to some deserving student's success.

Members of Convocation and the Convocation Executive serve on the University Council, and on various University Council Committees such as the Senate, Finance Committee, Institutional Forum, Resource Planning Committee, Staffing Committee, the University Foundation and Selection Committees. Lots of the work and contribution by Convocation members (alumni) serving on these various committees goes unnoticed, and we are all guilty of forgetting to convey our thanks and appreciation. So to all involved, your efforts are noted and have been brought to the attention of

the Vice-Chancellor and University Council. To those wanting to offer their services but not necessarily wanting to serve on the Convocation Executive, please contact our Alumni Affairs Office in this regard.

Much has been done thus far, however I believe that much more can be done. We need, for example, to strengthen the working relationship between the University Foundation and Convocation, drawing on synergies and consolidating strategies aimed at common objectives.

Please continue to give Convocation and your *alma mater* your support and keep the Alumni Affairs Office informed of any change in your contact details.

André D Young

Message from the Alumni Affairs Team

THE Alumni Affairs Team has had a very exciting and busy 2008 so far - having interacted with a number of graduates at a range of lunches, dinners and workshops, at the 21 graduation ceremonies and *via* email, written and telephonic communication.

The East London, Port Elizabeth and Cape Town dinners, the 2008 Golden Reunion celebration held on the Pietermaritzburg campus and the Entrepreneurship and Project

Management Workshops aimed at more recent graduates are particular highlights and more detailed information on these and other events is included in this publication.

A number of interesting and important activities are still to come.

In the pipeline is a Reunion for staff and students/graduates of Salisbury Island. This long overdue Reunion will take place in 2009 and we hope that readers of this message will spread the word of the Reunion to

family and friends who may have been on Salisbury Island (see page 28).

In order to maintain contact with all our alumni we are eager to secure the current contact details of alumni, especially email addresses. Also, please encourage any friends or relatives who are graduates and have not received any correspondence from the University in the past 12 months to provide us with their updated contact details. This can be done *via* the website.

Finally, we would be grateful if you could please complete the brief questionnaire printed on the flysheet and return this to our Office.

The Alumni Affairs Team looks forward to interacting and meeting with alumni and welcomes suggestions on how we can build stronger relationships with all graduates.

With our very best wishes,

The Alumni Affairs Team

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New Executive Members

Professor John Cantius Mubangizi is the **Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Head of the College of Law and Management Studies**, a position he has now held for one year. Before assuming this position, he was a senior academic in the Faculty of Law where he served as Deputy Dean (Howard College) for a period of two and a half years. He holds a Bachelor of Laws (LLB), a Masters in Public Law (LLM) and a Doctorate in Law (LLD). He also possesses a Diploma in Legal Practice, a Diploma in Education and several professional certificates, including a Certificate in International Humanitarian Law, a Certificate in Human Rights and a Certificate in Leadership Development.

Professor Mubangizi is the author of a book entitled *The Protection of Human Rights in South Africa: A Legal and Practical Guide*. He is also the author of numerous journal articles on human rights and constitutional law. He has presented papers at several national and international conferences. Professor Mubangizi is an NRF-rated researcher who has consistently featured among the top 30 researchers of the University. In 2004 he received the University of KwaZulu-Natal Distinguished Contribution to Research Award.

Professor Mubangizi is a member of the UKZN Council and Senate and as Head of the College, he Chairs the College of Law and Management Studies Academic Affairs Board, the College Executive Committee and the College Quality Committee.

Professor Renuka Vithal has been appointed **Deputy Vice-Chancellor Teaching and Learning**.

A Full Professor of Mathematics Education, she has most recently held the position of Dean in the Faculty of Education. She obtained a BA with distinction in Mathematics as a major from the former University of Durban-Westville and her BEd Honours *cum laude* from the former University of Natal. She gained an MPhil in Mathematical Education from the University of Cambridge in the United Kingdom and a Doctoral Degree of Natural Sciences from Aalborg University in Denmark – the first woman in the Faculty of Science to be awarded this senior doctorate at Aalborg University.

Professor Vithal is a prolific author and has published extensively in peer-reviewed journals and chapters in

books. She is a well-known presenter at local, national and international conferences and is actively engaged in research in Mathematics Education. She is the Research Project Leader for the South African sector of the International Study on Learners' Perspectives in Mathematics Class-rooms.

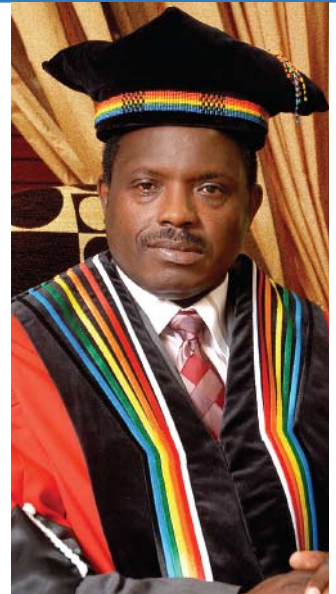
She is a member of several editorial boards and has served as Chair of the Southern African Association for Research in Mathematics, Science and Technology Education and as Education Expert on the South African National Commission for UNESCO.

Mr Hollie Clarkson has been appointed the **University's Chief Finance Officer**. He obtained a Bachelor of Commerce degree from Rhodes University. He obtained two diplomas from the former University of Natal – in Taxation and in Forensic Auditing and Criminal Justice which he passed with distinction. He obtained his Chartered Accountant qualifications in Zimbabwe in 1979 and in South Africa in 1988. He is a member of the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants.

Mr Clarkson began his professional accounting career with Deloitte Haskins and Sells as an articled clerk and rose through the ranks to Associate Director of Deloitte Pim Goldby in the Umtata office in Transkei.

In 1992 he joined the University of Natal as Deputy Finance Officer and Head of the Pietermaritzburg Finance Office. He was subsequently appointed senior Deputy Finance Officer based in Durban with University-wide responsibilities. In 2002 he was appointed University Finance Officer and Head of the Finance Division. In 2005 he was appointed Director of Finance of the University of KwaZulu-Natal and, in December 2006, Acting Chief Finance Officer (CFO).

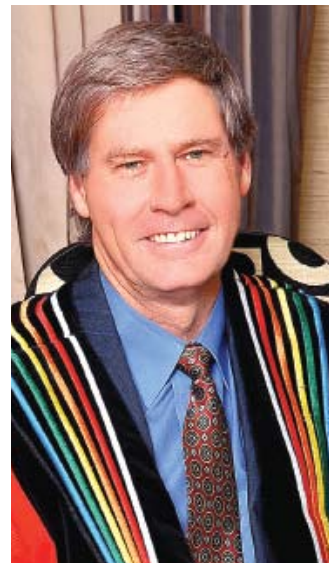
In 2007 Mr Clarkson was elected to serve on the Inaugural Steering Committee of the Directors of Finance in National Higher Education and he is currently a member of the reconstituted Finance Executive Forum that comprises the Finance Community of Practice within Higher Education South Africa. He was the recipient of the National President's "Round Tabler of the Year" award in 1989 and is the President of the Kingsmead Mynahs Cricket Club.



Professor John Mubangizi.



Professor Renuka Vithal.



Mr Hollie Clarkson.

Science Communicator Award

MR Mark Horan from the Pietermaritzburg campus was recognised as one of “SA’s top performers in Science, Engineering, Technology and Innovation”. He was the worthy recipient of the National Science and Technology Forum (NSTF) Category K award: ‘Science Communicator award over the last 5 years’. Minister of Science and Technology, Mr Mosibudi Mangena presented Mr Horan with the award at the 10th NSTF Awards gala dinner held at the Emperors Palace in Gauteng on 27 May.



(left - right) Pictured at the National Science and Technology Forum Awards ceremony: Minister of Science and Technology, Mr Mosibudi Mangena, Mr Mark Horan and Executive Director of the South African Agency for Science and Technology Advancement, Mrs Beverley Damonse.

The NSTF awards, which comprise 10 separate categories, recognise and acknowledge the wide range of contributions by South African individuals or groups of individuals to Science, Engineering, Technology and Innovation. The Science and Technology Communicator’s award “is intended to recognise a communicator who has made an outstanding contribution to Science and Technology through making a substantial impact in terms

of public awareness”. Key criteria for the award include an approach that is “innovative, objective, responsible and scientifically correct”.

Mr Horan, who is passionate about promoting science, engineering and technology to youngsters, has been an integral part of UKZN’s road show team for the past 10 years. He possesses a unique ability to transfer complex scientific and technological concepts and ideas into practical

examples. He has been the mastermind behind many of the University’s exhibits and models displayed at a range of science festivals, shows, school gatherings, Open Days and university expos.

Mr Horan’s work as a ‘Science Communicator’ is conducted in addition to his day-to-day responsibilities as an academic in UKZN’s School of Bioresources Engineering and Envi-

ronmental Hydrology.

In his acceptance speech, Mr Horan paid tribute to his dedicated team of friends and colleagues at UKZN who have played a pivotal role in his success. He said, “We see this award, not as a reward for the past five years of achievement, but rather as a launch pad into the next five years of innovative, engaging and relevant research – something that our country so badly needs”.

UKZN featured amongst the gold medallion winners at the Royal Agricultural Show which took place in Pietermaritzburg from 23 May to 1 June.



UKZN staff and students manning displays at the Royal Agricultural Show (l-r) Mr Shaun Groenink, Ms Winnie Gininda, Ms Bernadette Baye, Ms Kewreshini Naidoo, Mr Gabriel Lekalakala, Dr Nick Richards and Mr Vijay Bandu.

GOLD at Royal Show

More than 400 organisations exhibited at this year’s Show. Judging criteria for the awards included external attraction, method of communicating benefits, originality and presentation of personnel and customer care.

The primary purpose of the University’s exhibit was to showcase the College of Agriculture, Engineering and Science’s wide range of expertise.

Microbiology’s mini biogas digester was a huge draw card which attracted agriculturalists and entrepreneurs seeking new ways of generating power from animal and plant waste. The Geology Museum’s interactive display highlighting natural disasters such as volcanoes and earthquakes appealed to children and students. The School of Biological and Conservation Sciences focused on birding while Computer Sciences featured a display on computer equipment through the ages.

In celebration of its 60 years of existence the School of Agricultural Sciences and Agribusiness compiled a pictorial display of Agriculture at UKZN since 1948. The School of Bioresources Engineering and Environmental Hydrology contributed several innovative models highlighting their research activities. Also present was the Centre for Electron Microscopy’s scanning electron microscope and an automatic weather station from the School of Environmental Sciences.

Conserving Butterflies at Westville Campus

STEVE Woodhall, one of South Africa's foremost butterfly experts and author of the definitive field guide, *Butterflies of South Africa*, and the recently released book, *What's that Butterfly?* led a group of 30 people in search of butterflies and their caterpillars on the Westville campus.

There was plenty on the wing that beautiful autumn morning and the youngsters rushed about with butterfly nets. If handled carefully, butterflies can be set free once they have been identified, and among those photographed by staff member Ms Jenny Norman were the African Monarch, Brown Playboy, Coast Purple Tip and Soldier Pansy.

Because butterflies and their caterpillars are an important food source for other creatures, such as lizards and birds, they have had to develop ways to try and outwit their enemies. For example, Steve pointed out the slender tails on the hind wings of the Brown Playboy. When the hind wings are moved back and forth, while the butterfly is settled with its head down, the tails mimic moving antennae. If a predator grabs at what it thinks is the butterfly's head, the only parts lost are the tails or part of a wing. The well known African Monarch is poisonous and, as a result, is not eaten by predators. Interestingly, there are some butterflies which, although not poisonous, have evolved to look similar in order to escape being eaten. The Soldier Pansy butterfly, despite being attractive when the wings are open, escapes detection when sitting on the forest floor with its wings closed, as the undersides of the wings look like



The group gathers round to see a butterfly at close range.

leaves.

The group learnt that the two main secrets to attracting and sustaining butterflies are firstly not to use insecticides and secondly to provide the right plants to feed their caterpillars. These are plants which belong naturally in the area i.e. are locally indigenous. The Westville campus is home to many of these plants. Because the campus is a Conservancy, the maintenance of its

grounds is governed by the University's Environmental Policy, and indigenous plants have to be preserved and even introduced in the landscaping. This means that an ideal natural environment is provided for butterflies and their predators.

The attractive Coast Purple Tip butterfly is found almost exclusively in KwaZulu-Natal and the area which it occupies is shrinking, because its

habitat is being continually destroyed as human development changes the landscape.

This interesting glimpse into the fascinating world of these intriguing creatures, as well as the privilege of visiting this beautiful campus, convinced everyone of the important role the University plays in conserving this natural oasis in the heart of metropolitan development.

UKZN excels in Chartered Accounting exams

UKZN produced four of the top 10 students in this year's Part 1 Qualifying Examination of the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants (SAICA). This is a remarkable achievement when one considers that no other university in the country had more than one candidate in the top 10.

The overall pass rate for UKZN's first-time candidates improved

significantly from 48 percent last year to 82 percent this year, against the national average of 75 percent.

"Another pleasing feature of this year's results is the University's contribution to transforming the profession. Of the 895 African candidates who wrote the examination nationally, 374 (42 percent) passed and of these the highest number, 115, came from UKZN. In addition, UKZN also contributed the highest number of successful Black candidates (African, Coloured and Indian), namely 304 out of 824 (37 percent)," said Professor Nicholas Wood, Acting

Head of the School of Accounting.

Contributing to the success of the University's first time candidates was the Distance Learning Programme which achieved a pass rate of 77 percent, compared to 42 percent in 2007. This is a clear indication that the steps taken to raise the standard of the Programme are paying off and the University is confident that it will increase the number of successful candidates in the years ahead.

These results bode well for the University's School of Accounting and the profession as a whole.

Prestigious award for statistician

PROFESSOR Delia North, the Head of the School of Statistics and Actuarial Science, has received the Medal of Honour by the South African Academy for Science and Arts, for excellence in her field of study.

The awards ceremony took place at Stellenbosch University on 20 June. Professor North was accompanied by Professor Johan Jacobs, Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research, Knowledge Production and Partnerships, who delivered a citation.

For decades the Academy has been known for the medals of honour and prizes it awards in recognition of achievements in science, humanities and arts. Candidates are selected and recommended for awards by specialist committees.

Professor North said: "When I

received the news I was both shocked and surprised – it is an honour and very motivating to be recognised by the Academy, but it took a few minutes to sink in!"

She added: "I am incredibly grateful to UKZN and the many professional institutions and affiliations that have created the academic opportunities that have enabled me to play a significant role in the development of statistical literacy in South Africa. We have a beautiful country, so rich with opportunities and I am blessed indeed to do on a daily basis what I truly enjoy."



Professor Delia North.

Just four days after returning from Stellenbosch, Professor North headed for Mexico, where she delivered a paper at the International Association for Statistics Education Conference in Monterrey. She was also part of a panel where she discussed how "the interplay between estimating probabilities and types of data can provide strong foundations for modeling at

foundation level".

After the conference in Mexico, she headed to Brisbane in Australia, where she will continue her research as part of the Carrick Senior Fellowship at Queensland University with Professor Helen MacGillivray, the President-elect of the International Association of Statistics Education.



Professor Anil Madaree.

Operation Smile

HEAD of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at the Nelson R Mandela School of Medicine Professor Anil Madaree led a team of 50 medical professional volunteers to Madagascar where 211 reconstructive operations were performed on children and adults born with cleft lips, cleft palates and other facial deformities.

The volunteers are members of Operation Smile South Africa, an organisation that is dedicated to improving the lives of children and young adults. A cleft lip deformity is debilitating and impedes a child's speech and in severe cases the ability to eat and lead a normal life.

According to statistics, one in every 700 births results in a cleft lip and/or palate. Many of these congenital deformities occur in families that

have no history of clefts.

"Operation Smile South Africa aims to help children and adults with cleft lips and palates. Our first mission conducted in Empangeni was very successful, but since then, we have realised that there is not much of a demand in South Africa like there is in the rest of Africa. We have been to Madagascar twice because there is a need for it and despite all the work

we have done in the past; there is still quite a large number of people in need of reconstructive surgery," said Professor Madaree.

Operation Smile medical practitioners also work on a voluntary basis. "No-one gets paid; we treat people from the early hours of the morning and work fairly hard operating until late at night," he said.

Professor Madaree added that in

Madagascar, people with facial deformities are treated unfairly by society.

"On this mission we treated 46 adults who had not had their lips repaired. They were shunned and ostracised and could not get work. They are treated as if they are stupid, get teased and are treated unfairly. With the surgery, we are able to transform patient's faces and the outcomes are good."

Wireless at Edgewood

THE Faculty of Education has become the first campus in the country to implement wireless network technology. This allows students and staff to access the Internet during lectures. There are about 30 'hot spots' throughout the campus located at lecture halls, in the library, and the Student Union.

Professor Renuka Vithal, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Teaching and Learning is hopeful that the technology will improve the quality of teaching and allow students access to more information. It will also improve student-lecturer relationships, allowing for more efficient communication and engagement for the purposes of research. Staff are already incorporating wireless technology in their teaching. All the Heads of Schools

have smart boards installed in their offices and/or seminar rooms.

"We don't have a big budget, our resources are constrained, but it does not mean we can't be creative," said Professor Vithal.

Professor Fikile Mazibuko, Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Head of the College of Humanities paid tribute to the innovation, collaboration and teamwork of the leadership and staff of the Faculty and ICT.



Mr Ashodh Rajaram, Director of ICT.

According to Mr Ashodh Rajaram, Director of ICT, the University is faced with drastic changes and demands for advancements. IT can enhance student engagement by improving access and

making services more convenient. He added that his Division has been working tirelessly to ensure that it puts together the infrastructure needed to achieve the goals of the University.

Health Sciences Reunion

THE Faculty of Health Sciences hosted its first alumni Reunion for graduates of 1970-2000, on 27 June. The purpose was to create a social platform for alumni and to launch the Faculty's Endowment Fund.

In its teaching, learning and research activities, the Faculty has made a conscious decision to provide services to under-served communities in peri-urban and rural areas. This requires an investment in resources. The Endowment Fund will be a reserve of funds specifically used for research, training and community outreach.

The Guest of Honour at the Reunion, KwaZulu-Natal's MEC for Finance and Economic Development, Dr Zweli Mkhize who is also an alumnus said, "Due to the decrease in funds for health care research, it is

important for Higher Education Institutions to produce third stream funds to ensure that the research continues. Organisations need to support research initiatives, especially in KwaZulu-Natal, to find solutions to the region's epidemics.

"South Africa 14 years down the line is not coping with its own demands due to the rapid brain-drain. Hence, the

Faculty of Health Sciences' focus on training in a variety of skills to escape the cycle of poverty by collaborating with the corporate sector must be commended," he added.

Mr André Young (President and Chair of Convocation) also addressed the gathering and encouraged alumni to support the Endowment Fund and remain in contact with their *alma*

mater.

Many Pharmaceutical companies supported the Endowment Fund, including Pfizer-South Africa, The Willowton Group, CiplaMed Pro, Boehringer Ingelheim, Al Baraka Bank, GlaxoSmithKline, Pharmed, Clicks Professional Services, Novartis, Fresenius Kabi and The Sparkport Group.

Dr Zweli Mkhize (MEC: Finance and Economic Development), Professor Sabiha Essack (Dean: Faculty of Health Sciences), Mr Akbar Moosa (Director: The Willowton Group) and Mr André Young (President: UKZN Convocation).



Opening of new building

THE Minister of Education, Mrs Naledi Pandor officially opened the R90-million Biological and Conservation Sciences Building on the Westville campus on 20 March.

Spanning 12 000 square metres and five levels the new building features a triple volume atrium leading to four glass-fronted seminar rooms, and a common room.

Mrs Pandor also visited other

new facilities on the campus. She met students at the new residences – a R110-million project comprising 885 rooms – and toured the up-graded Science facilities, where four new laboratories cater for around 1 000

first year students every week. She also visited the Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) spectrometers and instrument. facilities where she was “surprised” by the level of infrastructure in terms of analytical

instrumentation.

The Minister said the new and refurbished buildings indicate that funds allocated towards infrastructure development were being used “efficiently and effectively”.

“New buildings are usually a sign of growth and prosperity. They are a sign of an investment in the future.” She congratulated Vice-Chancellor Professor Malegapuru Makgoba on the way he and his team had handled the merger challenges. “The leadership of UKZN has executed their mandate very well,” she said.

Professor Jenny Lamb, Deputy Head of the School of Biological and Conservation Sciences says the new facility aims to promote “Science in Action” through research taking place through glass-fronted labs and interaction between staff and students.

Professor Lamb said: “The new building represents for me, the beginning of a truly unified period, the culmination of the merger process, where components of the merged staff are unified in a new, purpose-built building, in which everybody belongs equally.” She added that the openness of the new facility would better enable interaction between staff and students and “a common sense of purpose and unity as the custodian of Biological and Conservation Sciences in the region.”

Professor Malegapuru Makgoba and Mrs Naledi Pandor at the Opening Ceremony.



Students reach out to prison youth

UKZN students visited the Westville Prison Youth Centre on 12 June to mark Youth Day.

The purpose of the visit was to reach out to the learners in the 'Usethubeni Youth School', which is located within the Westville Prison premises. The aim was to educate these learners about career opportunities that are available to them. The programme included encouraging messages and advice about choosing the right friends and abstaining from activities that may bring them harm.

Mr Andile Nsele, Community Development Officer at the Westville Campus SRC collaborated with Mr Kwazi Obed Ndlanzi, a second year BCom Accounting student to organise the visit. They collected information from the Central Applications Office (CAO) and involved Miss Thandeka Mtshali, Corporate Relations' Schools Liaison Officer as well as Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE).

The school has 29 grade twelve pupils, 36 grade eleven pupils, 30 grade ten pupils and Adult Basic Education and Training (ABET) from level 1 to level 4. Twenty One teachers provide different programmes and also facilitate extra-mural activities such as drama and dance classes. Their biggest challenges are involving external stakeholders, such as advisors, who are said to be afraid of the prisoners. "We can't take the learners outside of the prison premises for things like practicals and in addition to that, the working environment is not conducive, the class rooms are small and the area does not have enough lighting" said Miss Arty Nkabinde, Life Orientation teacher for grades 10 to 12.

Mr Ndlanzi is a former inmate of the Westville Prison and was a learner in the Usethubeni Youth School where he passed with six distinctions and qualified to pursue his degree at UKZN. He told the prisoners that "my life should be a living testimony that it is possible to change and start your life over again. I started here; I believe that everyone can reach a turning point."



Prisoners Perform a Zulu Dance (Ukusina) during the Youth Day Celebration at the Westville Prison.

Through song and dance the young prisoners expressed their excitement at having these young visitors. They also presented plays through which they told their stories of how they came to be in prison and the pressures that they faced when they arrived.

Mr Sanele Mbhele, a Zulu poet (Imbongi) presented poetry that expressed his perceptions of society and what he feels has contributed to its corrupt nature.

The celebrations ended on a high note, with the teachers from the school expressing gratitude to the University students for taking the initiative and remembering their brothers and sisters who had wronged society. "We don't only teach these young people academic things, but we also instill the word of God in them and it is those who receive these teachings that succeed" said Mr Vangeli Mbambo, a Technical Drawing teacher for grades 10 to 12 at the Youth Centre.

Symposium of judges

UKZN's Faculty of Law and the Commonwealth Legal Association (Indian and South African Chapters), co-hosted a symposium between judges from India and South Africa to discuss social justice issues on 31 May and 1 June. The symposium was unique as it hosted the largest number of Indian judges ever to have visited South Africa for a single academic event.

The Indian delegation, led by the Chief Justice of India, the Hon Mr Justice KG Balakrishnan, consisted of five Supreme Court judges, four Chief Justices of state High Courts, six High Court judges, the Solicitor-General of India and a prominent Indian Senior Counsel. The South African judges

were represented by Deputy-Chief Justice Dikgang Moseneke, Constitutional Court Justice Zac Yacoob, the Judge President of KwaZulu-Natal Mr Justice Vuka Tshabalala, five High Court judges from KwaZulu-Natal and one from the Western Cape. The meeting was also attended by eminent Senior Counsel, and other advocates, attorneys and academics from KwaZulu-Natal.

UKZN Dean of Law Professor Mike Cowling described the symposium as groundbreaking since not only were judges from two different countries interacting with each other but they were also engaging with academics from UKZN's Law Faculty. "The synergies between academics and the judiciary are a vital component of legal development and the ultimate attainment of justice and this will be one of the outcomes of the symposium," he said.



Professor Dennis Francis.

Innovative HIV/AIDS research

INNOVATIVE research into HIV and AIDS which allows out-of-school youth the opportunity to be researchers is being carried out at UKZN. The research is being conducted by Professor Dennis Francis, Head of the School of Social Science Education in the Faculty of Education.

Professor Francis's research titled: "Towards Understanding the Way Out-of-School Youth Respond to HIV and AIDS" has the support of the South African Medical Research Council (SAMRC) which last year contributed R65 000 towards the project, while UKZN provided R35 000.

SAMRC extended the research grant earlier this year by a further R120 000, making Professor Francis the only Social Science researcher

in South Africa to obtain funding from the Council.

Professor Francis together with three colleagues – Ms Toni D'Amant, Mr Crispin Hemson and Dr Shakila Reddy – as well as honours graduate, Mr Thabo Msibi, trained eight youngsters from the Shongweni and Lamontville areas to research how other out-of-school youth (children who are of school-going age but not attending school) obtained their

information on HIV and AIDS.

"The study is designed to be not just an investigation into youth's communication about friendship, love, sexuality and HIV but also to provide opportunities for those who have often been mere objects of investigation, to themselves become agents of their own transformation," said Professor Francis.

"When I talk about youth participation in research, I refer to process-

es where adults involve young people in research and where youth and adults work together in inter-generational partnerships of inquiry."

Professor Francis said information gathered from this research would contribute towards strengthening HIV and AIDS campaigns such as Love-Life. The findings of this research will be presented by Professor Francis at the UNESCO-funded Hope 2008 Conference in India.

Human rights, ethics and research

THE Chair of the South African Human Rights Commission, Mr Jody Kollapan delivered a thought-provoking lecture on 'Human Rights, Ethics and Research' at the Edgewood campus on 9 May.

Mr Kollapan began by exploring questions around how research could sometimes violate human rights. He said academic institutions have a right and a responsibility to the communities they serve. Ethics should stand as the moral compass that guides all researchers. Researchers should consider human rights, the right to human dignity, the right to privacy, and the right to belief in opinion, to name a few.

Some of the members of the audience spoke out on inequitable standards in research, where for example HIV research is conducted in poverty stricken areas, thereby stereotyping

the disease as a poor person's disease.

Many of the poor easily consent to participating in an academic research survey, but not always for the right reasons. Many do it for a standard service fee of on average R150.

Mr Kollapan stressed that the poor should be made aware of their rights as participants, and that there should be a meaningful outcome of the research for the participants. He added that researchers should be more aware of the power that they carry. "Often in research relationships there are power dimensions that exist, the researchers are generally middle-class and educated while the researched are

the poor," he said.

He also questioned the motivation behind some of the research conducted. He questioned whether the value of some research is justified by its outcome. The purpose of a research grant should be to create greater good in society. This outcome is unfortunately not always the sole intended goal for some. Mr Kollapan said that in many instances, international donor funds for specified research was driving the agenda. He cited HIV research as an example of this.

"Universities have a duty to the public to be credible and produce credible, accurate, fair and non-discrim-



Mr Jody Kollapan.

inatory research ... every academic conducting research should be accountable for his or her actions, and that means taking the proper steps and carefully thinking about the consequences of every step or phase of a research project," he said.

Commonwealth Award for UKZN Annual Report

UKZN has won the 2007-2008 Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU) PR, Marketing and Communications Award for the best Annual Report.

The second conference of the ACU PR, Marketing and Communications Network was held in Durban and was attended by 109 delegates from 26 countries including Australia, Kenya, Nigeria, the United Kingdom, Canada, South Africa and India. The Conference was opened by Vice-Chancellor Professor Malegapuru Makgoba. Pro-Vice-Chancellor: Corporate Relations Professor Dasarath Chetty delivered an address on "Motivating Staff: ensuring commitment in a changing environment".

The ACU launched its PR, Marketing and Communications

Awards in 2005 to share, encourage and reward good practice amongst higher education institutions.

In the Annual Report Category, the judges were looking for visual appeal, clarity of structures and presentation and effective use of colour, graphics and photographs.

In their commentary, the ACU judges stated that the UKZN Annual Report succeeded as both a promotional tool and a document that highlights the progress of the University in meeting its own targets. In a letter to the University, the judges said: "A very strong submission. The imagery

Professor Dasarath Chetty accepts the Award from Dr John Kirkland, Deputy Secretary General (Development) of the ACU.



was outstanding and it was possible to gain an understanding about the institution and its goals from first glance. The sections on promoting unity and equity were particularly enjoyable. A well constructed statement, with strong presentation of information about the institution and identification of audience goals."

Professor Chetty who edits the Annual Report said: "It was an

honour for UKZN to be chosen as best in the Annual Report Category. We were also runners up in the Newsletter Category for *ukzndaba*. In overcoming international competition and given the numerous awards we have won against South African competition, this confirms that we are the Premier South African University in the areas of Public Relations, Marketing and Communications."



Professor Malegapuru Makgoba and U2's Bono at the Hideyo Noguchi Africa Prize Award Ceremony in Japan.

The conference titled "25 Years of HIV" was held at the Institut Pasteur, where the Human Deficiency Virus (HIV) was first discovered and characterised 25 years ago. Professor Makgoba presented an analysis on: "27 Years of Responding to HIV and AIDS: The Picture Onwards."

The conference was attended by 500 internationals.

He said: "There were approxi-

"Remarkable Science"

UKZN Vice-Chancellor and Principal, Professor Malegapuru Makgoba, recently presented a lecture at an AIDS conference in Paris at which the science that was presented was "inspiring, remarkable and outstanding."

mately 500 scientists, largely from the United States and Britain, and a good mixture of young and old scientists. Two young scientists also presented their findings at every session, which showed that there is recognition in the field that the youth is the future."

"One left the meeting with a better understanding of what happened in the past 27 years," he said.

He added: "The discovery of the virus was central to understanding the pathology of HIV infection and the development of tests that allowed us to track and measure the epidemic glob-

ally but also in the screening of blood for transfusions."

He added that the disappointment was that a formula for a vaccine to eradicate the virus has not been found yet.

"The past 27 years has given us lessons and an understanding of where to go in terms of finding a vaccine. We are excited rather than depressed."

Professor Makgoba also attended the inaugural Hideyo Noguchi Africa Prize Award Ceremony in Japan in his capacity as the Chairman of the Medi-

cal Services sub-Committee of the Hideyo Noguchi Africa Prize.

The meeting was attended by 45 Heads of States, the Emperor and Empress of Japan, the Prime Minister of Japan, Mr Yasuo Fukuda, U2's Bono, the Chief Justice of Japan, Speakers of the Upper and Lower House of Japan and King Mswati III of Swaziland.

Said Professor Makgoba: "It was a grand and splendid occasion that highlighted Africa's health as a matter of great importance on the global agenda."



A celebration of academic excellence

UKZN conferred 7 641 degrees at 21 graduation ceremonies on the Pietermaritzburg and Westville campuses from 14-24 April. One hundred and seventy seven graduands received their degrees *summa cum laude* and there were 216 *cum laude* graduands. One hundred and two doctorates were conferred and there were 55 disabled graduands. The African Centre for Food Security (ACFS) on the Pietermaritzburg campus awarded its first two doctoral degrees. Women constituted 59 percent of the total number of graduates.

ALMOST 28 percent of our graduands are from the Faculty of Management Studies. This is noteworthy when one considers that growing the economy, and local economic development, are national and regional priorities. Around 23 percent of the graduands are from the Faculty of Humanities, Development and Social Sciences; young men and women who are poised to make a contribution to welfare, administration, the fine arts and a whole range of other economic sectors. This is followed by Education

with 17.3 percent, Science and Agriculture 13.5 percent, Health Sciences five percent, Law 4.1 percent, Engineering 4.8 percent and the Medical School 3.9 percent.

The graduation ceremonies were a colourful, indigenous celebration of academic excellence. In keeping with its vision to be The Premier University of African Scholarship, UKZN's new academic dress is an exciting fusion of colours, designs and beadwork that reflects the University's roots in our continent and our province.



The UKZN anthem *IHELE* performed in isiZulu, was written especially for the University by Phelani Mnomiya from UKZN's School of Music, with a view to celebrating the University's intellectual pursuits which impact on communities.

This year's graduation ceremonies were also significant because it was the first time that UKZN conferred Honorary Degrees on individuals who have made a unique and remarkable contribution in their respective fields and in the wider community.

Distinguished Teachers' Awards were presented to six academic members of staff in recognition of

their contribution to the teaching and learning process at UKZN.

Vice-Chancellor, Professor Malegapuru Makgoba, congratulated the graduands: "A graduation ceremony is a rite of passage. It marks the successful conclusion of years of hard work by students and of supervision by staff. This interaction of staff and students working towards a common goal characterises much of what a university is about and when success is achieved, both are deserving of congratulations." He also paid tribute to parents, who made tremendous sacrifices to send their children to university.



Boost for food security

The grant will support research into food security.

THE African Centre for Food Security (AFCS) has been awarded a \$3.5 million (R26.2 million) sub-contract by USAID, through the Food and Nutrition Technical Assistance (FANTA), to conduct food security analysis over a five year period.

Professor Sheryl Hendriks, the Head of School and the Interim Director of the AFCS, said the study will look at type two humanitarian assistance and the United States' response to food emergency that takes into account the human factor.

She said: "The research we will conduct will try to understand the vulnerability around food and security. The research will be conducted in Malawi, Tanzania and South Africa. We will try to find a simple way for governments to identify who needs assistance

and deliver that assistance."

The study will also look at how households cope and respond during food crises and how they survive under normal circumstances. The study commenced in October and will have five core team members that will meet on a regular basis in Washington at the FANTA headquarters to discuss new developments and key strategies.

Professor Hendriks added: "As we develop and come up with new

solutions, we will consult internationally and nationally and because we are also working with NEPAD, the recommendations are likely to be implemented as soon as the study is over."

"We are most excited at the opportunity to expand our work and the grant has given us that opportunity. With this study we will try and address the inequalities that exist and assist households in providing for themselves and increase their resilience."



Miss Kelly Dyer.

Emma Smith Scholarship

UKZN students Miss Hayley Leck and Miss Kelly Dyer have received Emma Smith Scholarships to study at leading British universities.

Miss Leck will pursue a PhD in Geography at the Royal Holloway University of London while Miss Dyer will study towards her MPhil +3 (Masters degree and PhD in research by dissertation in Psychology) at the University of Bath over the next two years.

A University selection committee awards the Emma Smith Scholarship annually to female postgraduate

students who excel academically. The scholarship covers the full costs to study at universities in the United Kingdom.

Miss Leck whose research will focus on the Impacts of Global Environmental Change (GEC) on the City of Durban and its Urban Population said: "This is one of the most prestigious scholarships and I'm honoured to be a recipient. Learning from lecturers at a university with one of the best Geography Departments in the world will be an enriching experience and expand my knowledge base."

Attributing her academic success to the support of family, lecturers and a passion for her area of research, Miss Leck said she intended to embrace a career as an

UKZN French DVD on world market

MEMBERS of UKZN's French Programme in the School of Language, Literature & Linguistics, have created an interactive DVD which will soon be in use in every Department of French in the world!

Ten thousand copies of the teaching tool *Africa Remix: une visite multimedia* have been burned and – with the help of the French Ministère des Affaires Etrangères et Européennes – will be distributed worldwide.

Dr Francesca Balladon and Ms Ninon Larché are the two French Programme members responsible for the project worth 95 500 Euros (R1.3 million).

The material, which forms the basis of this resource to teach French as a foreign language, is from the exhibition, *Africa Remix: Contemporary Art of a Continent*, hosted by the Johannesburg Art Gallery last year after a three-year world tour.

Curated by Mr Simon Njami, it features 85 African artists and aims to allow for a better knowledge and

deeper understanding of the cultural and artistic reality of the continent.

The artworks, along with the interviews with French-speaking artists, deal with questions relating to identity such as: Is there one single African culture? One single African identity? What is it to be African? What is it to be an African artist?

The main objective of the activities in the teaching manual, which forms part of the DVD, is inter-cultural competence. Through this teaching tool, French – as a language of Africa – contributes to the cultural dialogue between African cultures and spaces. It also contributes to questioning stereotypes about Africa.

The project was produced in partnership with the French Ministère des Affaires Etrangères et Européennes,



DVD of *Africa Remix: Une Visite Multimedia*.

the Johannesburg Art Gallery, Mr Njami, TV5Monde, the Organisation internationale de la Francophonie, the French Institute in Southern Africa and the Centre d'approches vivantes des langues et des médias (CAVILAM).

Conceived by South African French teachers and researchers, based on art by Africans, *Africa Remix: une visite multimedia* aims to develop linguistic competence in French while

stimulating critical reflection on questions of identity, belonging, history and aesthetics from within the context of the African continent.

Dr Balladon and Ms Larché attended the world conference of the Fédération Internationale des professeurs de français in Quebec in July when the DVD, proudly featuring the UKZN logo, was launched.

academic after obtaining her PhD in England. She plans to return to South Africa with the knowledge and skills to make a significant contribution towards Development Geography.

She obtained her Bachelor of Social Science degree in Environmental Studies (2006) *cum laude* and her Bachelor of Social Science Honours degree *summa cum laude*.

Miss Dyer obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and Psychology and an Honours degree in Psychology *cum laude*. She views the opportunity abroad "as a stepping stone" to furthering her career in the field of psychology. Her goal is to qualify as an art therapist.

The quantitative research programmes in the area of

Psychology offered by University of Bath motivated her to apply for the scholarship.

"It is important to choose courses you are passionate about. This resulted in my academic success. It was also hard work, perseverance and the support of lecturers and students. Whilst abroad, I look forward to interacting with international students and critical research groups. I plan to enjoy my experience as a student abroad and lap up the cultural experience of a truly English academic institution," said Miss Dyer.



Miss Hayley Leck.

Sharing expertise with Drake University

UKZN academics shared their expertise with a delegation from Drake University Iowa, US. They helped devise a course for Drake undergraduate students which will make students more aware of the social issues which accompany prevailing health problems within communities.

The Drake University contingent including Professor Debra Delaet (Political Science), Professor Jennifer McCrickerd (Philosophy), Professor John Rovers (Pharmacy) and Professor Rahul Parsa (Statistics) met with Dr Fatima Suleman, a Senior Lecturer within the Division of Pharmacy Practice and several other UKZN academics to formulate a course around the theme "Global Health Policy and Ethics in the Developing World". Drake University students will be introduced to the 14-day module from July next year. This initiative is part of a Memorandum of Understanding signed between the two universities in March last year.

Professor Rovers, a Professor of Pharmacy Practice at Drake University said: "This is a multidisciplinary course for undergraduate students to get a broader view of health care other than what's available in their own country." Professor McCrickerd added that exposure to the hospital service environment in South Africa would instil an interest in their students to deal with poverty and other social issues.

"There is amazing innovation taking place at UKZN and we hope this will spark our students' interest in addressing poverty and other social issues. We hope this will inspire them to be better global citizens and better citizens in their communities," said Professor McCrickerd.

During their ten-day stay in KwaZulu-Natal the visiting academics experienced Zulu culture while

meeting Zulu King Goodwill Zwelethini in Nongoma Village at his birthday celebrations.

Accompanying the Drake University team was Professor Mary Hansen from the Des Moines University Medical School (DMUMS) in Iowa who hoped to forge future learning and teaching initiatives between UKZN and her university.

"We are beginning our global health work and our students have asked to study here in South Africa. Through this visit I hope to find opportunities for our students to learn about another culture (through exchange programmes)," said



Dr Fatima Suleman (second from left) with visiting academics (from left) Professors John Rovers, Mary Hansen, Jennifer McCrickerd and Debra DeLaet.

Professor Hansen.

Pharmacy students from Drake University already participate in an exchange programme in which they are rotated through a hospital and research setting within KwaZulu-Natal. This is facilitated by Dr Suleman. In return, Professor Rovers and Professor Parsa

are assisting with the development and delivery of online courses that are part of a Masters programme developed by Dr Suleman, who is awaiting accreditation. "I hope that other Faculties within take advantage of this Memorandum of Understanding, both for staff and for students".

Lifetime Achievement Award

Leading academic and scientist, Professor Patricia Berjak from the School of Biological and Conservation Sciences has been awarded the prestigious National Research Foundation (NRF), President's Lifetime Achievement Award for 2008.

The award was made by Professor Mzamo Mangaliso at the NRF President's Awards Banquet on 25 July. The Lifetime Achievement Award is awarded to a deserving South African who has made "outstandingly extraordinary contribution(s) to the development of science in and for South Africa." The contributions must be considered to be of international standard and impact.

"It is a remarkable tribute.

However, my type of science can never be a solo effort: one must always be aware of the step-wise contributions made to the whole picture, by my research group (comprised of a changing group of post-grads over the years), and to my long-term major collaborator, Professor Norman Pammenter," said Professor Berjak. Previous winners include Dr Reinhardt Arndt in 2004; Professor Es'kia Mphahlele in 2005; Dr Bob Brain in 2006; and Dr Mamphela Ramphela in 2007.

The President of the NRF tracked Professor Berjak down in Poland to give her the good news. He caught her en route from a scientific meeting at the Kostrzyca Forest Gene Bank in south-west Poland, to Prague airport on the first leg of their return trip to



Professors Mzamo Mangaliso and Patricia Berjak.

South Africa. Professor Berjak and her team had been in Poland for the Triennial Congress of the International Society for Seed Science (ISSS), where she had the honour of being installed as the President of the Society. Her postgraduate students 'scooped' two honourable mentions for oral presentations, as well as two for best posters, at the ISSS meeting.



Professor Salim Abdool Karim; Dr Peter J Bruns, Vice-President of Grants and Special Programmes at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute; and UKZN Vice-Chancellor Professor Malegapuru Makgoba at the Killie Campbell Museum.

New TB-HIV Research Institute

A plan to build a major multi-million rand state-of-the-art medical research institute funded by the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) in the United States in partnership with the University is underway.

This new medical research institute will undertake research on the diagnosis, pathogenesis, prevention and treatment of HIV and TB. In line with the University's vision of being the Premier University of African Scholarship, the HHMI TB-HIV Centre will be utilised to provide much needed training of bright young scientists on the African continent to conduct research into TB and HIV.

A dinner was hosted by the Vice-Chancellor and Principal, Professor Malegapuru Makgoba, at the Killie Campbell Museum in honour of Dr Peter J Bruns, Vice-President of Grants and Special Programmes and Dr Jill Conley, Programme Director of International and Pre-College Science Education of HHMI.

The dinner included senior researchers and academics from Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Harvard University and University of Pittsburg. At the dinner, Dr Bruns spoke highly of the partnership with UKZN and conveyed HHMI's strong commitment to the project.

Professor Salim Abdool Karim, who is at the helm of the project, said: "It is an exciting new opportunity. UKZN and HHMI have joined hands to conduct

ground-breaking research on the problem of TB in the context of HIV. The visit by HHMI was to apprise themselves of the plans and activities of the University in relation to the joint establishment of a new Tuberculosis and HIV Research Centre."

The group visited the Nelson R Mandela School of Medicine, the UKZN Research Office, the Church of Scotland Hospital in Tugela Ferry, which is at the heart of the XDR-TB outbreak, the Doris Duke Medical Research Institute and TB clinics in and around Durban to get an impression of the research taking place at the University and various programmes implemented to monitor TB.

Professor Makgoba paid tribute to Professor Bruce Walker, from the HIV Pathogenesis Programme (HPP) – a key research group in the Doris Duke Medical Research Institute, who has played a significant role in advancing UKZN's strategic research endeavour in areas of HIV and TB.

He said: "UKZN is fully committed to this project."

Harry Oppenheimer Fellowship Award



(front) Mr Percy Ngonyama, Mrs Mary Slack, and Professor Fikile Mazibuko.
(back) Professor Jeff Guy, Professor Johan Jacobs, and Ms Eva Jackson.

FORMER Professor of History at the Howard College campus and Research Fellow at the Campbell Collections in Durban, Professor Jeff Guy, is the recipient of the prestigious Harry Oppenheimer Fellowship Award for 2007.

The award ceremony – hosted by Mrs Mary Slack, daughter of the late Harry Oppenheimer – was held at the Brenthurst Estate, Johannesburg. Professor Fikile Mazibuko, Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Head of the College of Humanities, and Professor Johan Jacobs, Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research, Knowledge Production and Partnerships, were in attendance.

The fellowship was initiated by the Oppenheimer Memorial Trust in 2001. Candidates from all disciplines compete annually for this award, which is granted only to top scholars in South Africa. As part of an investment in education, the award is granted to scholars engaged in extraordinary work that contributes to knowledge, teaching, research and development in South Africa.

Professor Guy – an internationally respected historian – was a Professor of History at the Howard College campus before being granted a research position at Campbell Collections for two years.

He is pleased to be able to continue his research – he quotes one of his friends “surely historians should never be retired – they can only get better as they get older and become historical themselves!” Professor Guy is using the fellowship to examine the historical roots of the present revival of African traditionalism in South Africa.

“One of the things that has always been interesting is the role of history in the present – that history isn’t just looking for some sort of emotional gratification about the greatest achievements or great failures; history is always working with us,” said Professor Guy.

“I thought, given the whole question of Zulu traditionalism, that the new South African democracy should reflect the African past in the sense of the *ubukhosi* (chieftainship) which will be a really interesting thing to explore.”

Professor Guy is working with two Masters students, Ms Eva Jackson and Mr Percy Ngonyama, who are both delighted to be intellectually involved in the project. He is also assisted by Dr Vukile Khumalo, a lecturer in UKZN’s History

Department who also has his own project rooted in the history of the region.

The award will cover the research costs for the project and invaluable research training and support for the students. Mr Ngoyama is looking at the historical roots of contemporary conflict which is presently being given coverage in the newspapers in KwaZulu-Natal. Ms Jackson’s project looks at the progressive and extraordinary KwaZulu-Natal family which produced the first doctor of Zulu origin, Dr John Nembula.

Although historical research doesn’t provide an immediate return, Professor Guy believes that it is extremely important. “As far as I’m concerned, unless we understand more about such things as African tradition, African ethnicity, and African identity, we will once again be caught with problems and troubles which apparently we didn’t identify and analyse.”

He said what he appreciated most about the Oppenheimer Trust was that in addition to the Trust’s material contribution to his research, he was given complete freedom to carry out his work.

Professor Guy intends to do further research into the history of traditional authority and power in South Africa and into Theophilus Shepstone. “I am looking at the man who insisted that African custom and African law became part of the system of government in colonial South Africa. Why in the colonial era do you have somebody who fights so hard to retain African structures? is the question to be answered.”

Professor Guy has been recognised for his outstanding work on 19th Century Natal and the Bambatha rebellion.

His book *The Destruction of the Zulu Kingdom: The Civil War in Zululand 1879-1884* provides a detailed analysis of the consequences of the Anglo-Zulu War. To commemorate the war’s centenary, Professor Guy wrote and compiled a series of articles which appeared as newspaper supplements both in English and Zulu and were distributed free to schools throughout KwaZulu-Natal.

SIFE brings home the Cup

UKZN's Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) team won first place against 17 other South African universities in the National Competition in Johannesburg on 3 July. Runners-up were the University of the Witwatersrand and Stellenbosch University.



The UKZN SIFE team celebrate their victory.

"We were invincible!" remarked an excited Mr Mandla Ndaba, Student Leadership Development Practitioner and Faculty Advisor of the SIFE team. "We always set the standards in these competitions." Mr Ndaba sang praises to University Management for the great support they have received throughout their activities saying, "It was an honour to have Mr Trevor Wills come to support us, we've received tremendous support from Management that other universities long for and this gives us an edge over them." The team has also have enjoyed tremendous support from SIFE alumni, Business Advisory Board and University community etc.

To qualify for the national competition, all the teams had to participate in various outreach programmes that are in line with the organisation's topics and are sponsored by various organisations. The topics are: Financial Literacy, sponsored by HSBC (World Local Bank); Entrepreneurship, sponsored by Harmony Gold; Business Success Skills, sponsored

by ABSA; Business Ethics, sponsored by ESKOM; Sustainability, sponsored by Khula Enterprise; and Market Economics, sponsored by Standard Bank.

The participating teams have to satisfy the requirements and expectations of the stipulated topics and put together a report which is then presented at the National Competition. The competition is judged by prominent members of the corporate world.

The projects that captured the attention of the judges and brought the UKZN SIFE team victory were: The Agric Project which deals with food security through tunnel planting; The Learn Entrepreneurship Challenge which began in 2006 which reflected a phenomenal growth and sustainability where grade 11 learners are taught Business Literacy; and The Women Empowerment Project through BEE-WILD - Black Economic Empowerment Women in Leadership Development which reached 58 of Thuthuka Cleaning Staff at the

Westville campus who were taught financial literacy during a four-day workshop in conjunction with ITHALA Bank and Black Management Forum - Student Chapter.

As two times national champions, SIFE - UKZN has been exposed to the all levels of SIFE work, and has thus accumulated experience that helps them to develop proficiency and professionalism. Mr Ndaba said that this is what made them stand out from the rest of the participants. "During participation the richness of maturity of the team comes out outstandingly," he added.

The UKZN SIFE team was a runner-up in the 2007 national competition. Mr Ndaba said this motivated them to work extra hard and ensure that they win the cup this year. "We were so upset by those results, but it pushed us to work hard. We didn't rest and it paid off at the end, but the most important thing is not just the competition, but the work that we do out there."

SIFE is an international organi-

sation that mobilises university students around the world to make a difference in their communities while developing skills to become socially responsible business leaders. After winning the national competition, the SIFE team is hard at work preparing for the four-day SIFE World Cup 2008 which will take place in Singapore. The event will be a showcase of the impact that SIFE teams are having around the world and will bring together an international network of student, academic, and business leaders from 46 different countries.

"It will be tough. In 2006 we got stuck in the semi-finals, but this year I'm 99 percent sure that we will get through; there's just a lot of work that we still have to dedicate to fine-tuning our presentation." Mr Ndaba said that he is working hard to raise funds and find sponsorships to fund the students' travel to Singapore.

Honorary Degrees 2008

The University conferred six honorary degrees on distinguished individuals who have made a significant contribution to society at the graduation ceremonies. Vice-Chancellor, Professor Malegapuru Makgoba said: "They are outstanding and special people in their contributions to their respective fields and society or public life in general. The University is not only honoured but privileged to be associated with these very unique individuals." The following honorary degrees were conferred:

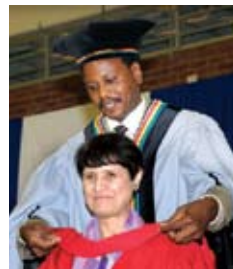
Doctor of Law conferred on PROFESSOR KADER ASMAL – Tuesday, 22 April

During his term of office as Minister of Education Professor Kader Asmal contributed a large and important legacy in the form of transforming the education system both with respect to schooling and Higher Education. His is an outstanding intellectual who drove the implementation of major and substantial school curriculum reforms that represented a radical break from apartheid education. He can also be credited for an immense contribution to CODESA, the Bill of Rights and the Constitution of South Africa.



Doctor of Social Science conferred on PROFESSOR LENA DOMINELLI – Monday, 21 April

Professor Dominelli is regarded as one of the most critical thinkers in the field of social work and social development. With a background in Sociology, she has an outstanding record in the fight for human rights and the pursuit of social justice. She is highly sought after in the international arena for her contribution to curriculum development in the area of anti-oppressive practices and social development. Professor Dominelli has single handedly done a great deal to transform the International Association of Schools of Social Work to be representative of women and ethnic minority groups.



Doctor of Theology conferred on FATHER MICHAEL LAPSLEY – Saturday, 19 April

Father Lapsley is a well known theologian and human rights activist. He joined the ANC in exile in 1976 and was a victim of a parcel bomb attack, three months after Nelson Mandela's release from prison in 1990, in which he lost both hands and an eye. On returning to the country in the spirit of ubuntu he established the Institute for the Healing of Memories in Cape Town. He served as a chaplain to the Trauma Centre for Victims of Violence and Torture in Cape Town, chaired the Board of the Agency for Refugee Education, Skills Training and Advocacy and was on the shortlist of 25 names from which the Truth Commission was selected by the President.



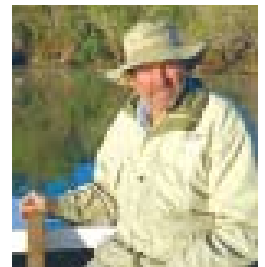
Doctor of Science conferred on MRS ELSA POOLEY – Thursday, 17 April

Mrs Pooley is a self taught, practical botanist who has made a tremendous contribution to conservation in our province and country by bringing sound environmental science to a wide audience. She was voted the KZN Wildlife and Environment Society's 1996 'Conservationist of the Year' and more recently was awarded the prestigious Marloth Medal from the Botanical Society of South Africa. In addition she is a skilled botanical artist whose work has been published and widely exhibited. Her knowledge and versatility bridge the divide between the popular and the academic.



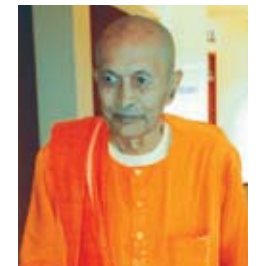
Doctor of Social Science conferred posthumously on MR DAVID RATTRAY – Tuesday, 15 April

World renowned historian David Rattray was a champion of South African history, rural development, tourism and conservation. He popularised the history of the Anglo-Zulu conflict in the context of reconciliation in our post-apartheid democracy. As a national and international ambassador he presented this message to South Africa and the world. He was a trustee of World Wildlife Fund – South Africa (WWF) and a patron of the British-based Wilderness Trust.



Doctor of Theology conferred posthumously on SRI SWAMI SAHAJANANDA – Friday, 18 April

Sri Swami Sahajananda was the Head of the Divine Life Society and an educationist and a humanitarian. He led over 300 development projects including building 200 schools for the disadvantaged. His noteworthy contributions include the establishment of the Sivananda Technikon in Kwa Mashu, the first learning institution funded and built by the Divine Life Society. He forged unity between various population groups in KwaZulu-Natal by assisting in projects such as building schools, cultural halls and tunnel farming. He was honoured by the Premier of KwaZulu-Natal, Mr S'bu Ndebele, for his excellent work in helping the poor in the fields of education, housing and healthcare.



Where are they now?

If you can provide the updated contact details of the following alumni, please contact the Alumni Affairs Office

Adams, Marcelle Brenda (Miss)	BA'67	Law-Brown, Douglas Charles (Mr)	BSc Eng(Electronic)'84
Ahern, Sheila Jane (Miss)	BA'83	Lefakane, Dinah Priscilla (Miss)	BSocSc'69
Batohi, Pravin (Dr)	MBChB'84	Lortan, Jennifer Elizabeth (Dr)	MBChB'76
Bhengu, Thulebona Phillip (Mr)	BSc Eng(Electrical)'01	Magasana, Nonele (Miss)	PG Dip(IR)'92
Biyela, Thabisile Christina (Miss)	BSc Eng(Chemical)'01	Matikinca, Lucas Vusumzi (Mr)	Lib'91
Buthelezi, Nelisiwe Ruth (Miss)	BAdmin'98	Naidoo, Ramakrishna Marriemuthu (Dr)	MBChB'69
Canca, Dan Oyama (Mr)	BProc'90	Naidoo, Surendran (Mr)	BOptom'96
Chetty, Anusha (Mrs)	BEd'00	Naidu, Printha (Miss)	BPharm'95
Chiliza, Jeremiah Fiko Gane (Dr)	MBChB'61	Ndlela, Sipho Mbalekelwa (Mr)	BA'95
Cowan, Susan Ann (Miss)	BSc'88	Noon, Atholl Wellesley (Mr)	BCom'81, MTRP'88
Desai, Rajesh Soomuntlall (Mr)	BSc Eng(Chemical)'01	Oliver, Ruthilda Dean (Dr)	MBChB'72
Dhupelia, Ashadevi Shashikant (Miss)	BPharm'74	Parshotam, Madhubala (Miss)	BSc'78
Eady, Karen Patricia (Miss)	BPrimEd'94	Pauw, Janine Elisabeth (Miss)	B SocSc(Nurs)'85
Ebrahim, Fathima (Miss)	BAdmin'90	Paxton, Richard Torr (Mr)	BCom'85, PG Dip(Acc)'86
Fakroodeen, Sayed Ally (Mr)	BA'94	Pillay, Pooventhran Gopal (Dr)	MBChB'82
Fienberg, Richard (Mr)	BSc Eng(Chemical)'78	Pulford, Prudence Sarah (Miss)	BCom'88
Goldstone, Richard Alexander (Mr)	BSc(Qty Surv)'55	Ramasesane, Mosetsanagape Irene (Miss)	BA(Music)'01
Govender, Ganasen Munsamy (Mr)	BEd'78	Ramkaran, Kishore (Mr)	BProc'79
Govender, Geneshree (Miss)	BPhysio'01	Rankethoa, Nthabeleng Mpho (Dr)	MBChB'94
Govender, Kalaivanie (Dr)	MBChB'82	Reiner, Hermann (Mr)	BSc Eng(Mech)'89
Hallquist, Stig Roland (Mr)	BSc Eng(Mechanical)'81	Sibiya, Selborn Sphilele (Mr)	BAcc'99
Hassan, Imraan (Mr)	BOptom'01	Sikakana, Peter Obadiah (Mr)	BEd'56
Henrichsen, Melanie Maureen (Miss)	BA'75	Simpson, Gareth Beresford (Mr)	BSc Eng(Agric)'96
Huinink, Brett Peter (Mr)	BAgric Mgt'93	Thord-Gray, Robin Frederic (Mr)	BCom'78, Lib'82
Illemann, Erich (Mr)	BSc(Agric)'87	Tshehla, Tankiso Michael (Dr)	PhD(Sc)'97
Jaca, Morris Mzamele (Mr)	BEd'93	Vandayar, Santhranayagi (Miss)	UED'76
Jagot, Mahmood Abdull Rahim (Dr)	MBChB'90	Vaughan, James Selwyn (Mr)	BSc'73
Kandailal, Vinesh Narpath (Mr)	BAcc'94	Webb, Edward Henry (Mr)	BCom'69
Kemp, David Richard (Mr)	BEco'69	Xulu, Bhekithemba (Mr)	BCom'90
Kgobe, Tshepo Patrick (Mr)	BSc Eng(Civil)'98	Zama, Linda Christobel (Ms)	Lib'85
Khayyam, Shahriar (Mr)	BSc Eng(Electrical)'91	Zibula, Sbahle Membrey Xolile (Miss)	BPharm'01
Kozonguizi, Job (Mr)	Lib'93, BAdmin'90	Zietsman, Brian Timothy (Mr)	BSc Eng(Civil)'70
Krishnan, Deon Leslie (Mr)	B Music'99	Zingela, Zukiswa (Dr)	MBChB'95

HOUSING HEAD

Being the youngest Head of Department in the KwaZulu-Natal Province in 2005, was “just another challenge” for 32-year-old Miss Zandile Nyandu who has been in several management positions since finishing her LLB Degree in 1998.

Nyandu heads the Department of Housing and feels very humbled to have been appointed to this position because it means that the provincial leadership have faith in her ability to deliver this key service.

She started her career as a paralegal at the University of KwaZulu-Natal Law Clinic and was then recruited by the Airports



**ZANDILE
NYANDU**

Company South Africa. After a spell at the Durban International Airport as a Legal Advisor and later Property Portfolio Manager, she joined the Public Service in November 1998 as a Legal Officer for the then Department of Economic Affairs and Tourism and moved through several positions, including the Senior Manager responsible for Legal Services. This gave her the experience she needed to get into the Department of Works. In 2003 Nyandu became the General Manager responsible for Strategic Management and Property.

Nyandu was born in Pietermaritzburg and grew up in Sobantu Village where she did her primary and higher primary education. She completed high school at Inanda Seminary.

She obtained her BLuris in 1993, an LLB in 1995 and a degree in Bachelor of Administration (Hons) in Labour Relations in 1998.

Nyandu’s message to the youth of today is: “Live your vision and never give up. It is better to try and fail than to fail to try.”

OLYMPICS DOCTOR

Dr Shuaib Ismail Manjra would have liked to serve as a doctor in the non-governmental sector, but the funding crisis in this sector put paid to his dreams. Having completed postgraduate studies in the United Kingdom, he entered the private sector in 1993, where he has carved out a successful career as an Occupational Health and Sports Medicine Consultant.

An avid footballer and runner, Manjra obtained his MBChB in 1987. He has consulted for several sporting bodies over the years including Cricket South Africa, SA Rugby and the South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee (SASCOC). He also

**SHUAIB ISMAIL
MANJRA**



heads the South African Institute for Drug-Free Sport, the statutory national anti-doping organisation.

The Cape Town doctor’s most recent accomplishment is his appointment as the Chief Medical Officer of the South African Olympic Team to this year’s Beijing Games. He heads a team of 15 medical personnel responsible for about 180 athletes.

Manjra’s abiding memory of Medical School is “its spirit of non-racialism, the dynamism of the student body, its political and social consciousness and the commitment of its academic staff.” His advice to current students is that “medicine remains primarily a calling and a commitment to serve humanity.” He warns against “the lure of the lucre”.

Manjra has several articles published in reputable journals including the South African Medical Journal, the Lancet and the South African Journal of Sports Medicine.

DUSI FARMER

Farming and canoeing may seem an unlikely combination, but not so for Miss Lorna Oliver, who runs her own farm and competes in canoe marathons with equal passion.

Having graduated with a BSc in Agriculture in 2001, Oliver runs her own pig farm in the KwaZulu-Natal Midlands. At age 32, she was the youngest competitor and first woman to have completed 20 consecutive Dusi Canoe Marathons.

She ruefully acknowledges that managing a farm and training for marathons simultaneously is hard work: "As farming is my livelihood it always comes first. I usually train outside of work



LORNA OLIVER

hours or at lunch time. When the weather starts to warm up and it gets closer to Dusi then my training starts in earnest. I will spend at least two to three hours training every day, either running, paddling or going to the gym."

Having achieved her goal of owning a farm Miss Oliver's next step is to make a success of it. And after 20 years of paddling she would like to come out tops in the Ladies category of the Dusi Marathon.

In addition to her Natal Colours in Canoeing, Oliver achieved Protea Colours in Canoeing and was a member of the Ladies South African Canoe Polo team for several years. Whilst at university she was named Sportswoman of the Year in 1998 and 2000.

SENIOR ECONOMIST

Being able to be part of government policy-making is the highlight of his career, says Dr Vusi Gumedede. Gumedede is Chief Policy Analyst in the South African Presidency's Policy Co-ordination and Advisory Services, which he previously served as a Senior Economist and Chief Director.

Armed with a PhD in Economics, Gumedede previously served as an Economist in the Ministry of Trade and Industry, an Economic Researcher at the former National Institute of Economic Policy and has done research for various international and South African institutions and the South African government. He has



VUSI GUMEDE

published papers in various internationally refereed journals.

As part of his postdoctoral research, he has been Visiting Scholar/Fellow for the UNDP's International Poverty Centre (Brazil), G Ford School of Public Policy and the Population Studies Centre of Michigan University's Institute for Social Research (United States) and he was recently hosted by Cornell University in the US as a Distinguished Scholar. Dr Gumedede also serves in a number of Boards and Councils, including as a Trustee for the Southern Africa Trust. He externally examines for some South African universities and he occasionally takes part in current affairs' debates in various media platforms and public dialogues. He has been featured in the Who's Who of Southern Africa and in the American Biographical Institute's Great Minds of the 21st Century.

His advice to those who are aspiring to kick-start their career is "focus, patience and hard work!"

STUDIO POTTER

Mr Andrew Walters is living the life he's always wanted to live, working as a 'studio potter' with his own business and Gallery in Franschhoek. He works mainly in porcelain which is handmade on the wheel.

True to his passionate interest in tourism and how it affects communities like the one he lives in, Walters serves on the board of the Franschhoek Tourism Association. In 1985, he founded the Midlands Meander in KwaZulu-Natal for the same reason. He also has a keen interest in Classical Music, and organises an annual Classical Music Festival in his community.



ANDREW
WALTERS

For him, his entire career has been a highlight because he is doing what he's always wanted to do and enjoying every moment of it. He says that being self employed is not for the fainthearted, but it has rewards, and 'its great not having a boss'. In his opinion, studio potters are a dying breed. He feels that this is a great pity and would like to encourage people to get over the myth that 'artists' have to be starving in a garret. His experience includes having lived and worked in Britain for eleven years.

Walter's graduated in 1974 and although he never furthered his formal studies, he says that in his particular field the learning never stops. He believes that his University education gave him the back-up to go further and the wherewithal to think about what he is doing.

COMPASSIONATE CRUSADER

Her late father's care and compassion for disadvantaged children and their families inspired Ms Linda Naidoo to pursue a career in Social Work. The Director of Childline KwaZulu-Natal wants to make sure that "children within KwaZulu-Natal, including those that encounter the most indescribable and horrendous forms of abuse, are educated with regard to their rights and are able to live their lives optimally."

Armed with a Masters Degree (*cum laude*) in Social Work, Naidoo's work with the Phoenix Child and Family Welfare Society and the Guiding Lantern Centre of Phoenix Child Welfare opened



LINDA NAIDOO

her eyes to many cases of child abuse. Over the years she has introduced initiatives to assist in the "healing and recovery" of abused children.

At Childline KwaZulu-Natal, she is responsible for a team of dedicated employees and volunteers who assist the organisation in its fight against child abuse. Witnessing the resilience and determination of adults and children in their fight against abuse has inspired Naidoo and other staff member over the years.

"To date we continue to receive calls from adults and parents, who were in their childhood years exposed to counselling and treatment at Childline and currently call to say thank us for the positive impact that we have had in their lives."

When she isn't working, Naidoo's hobbies include gym and yoga. She plans to pursue a PhD in Social Work through UKZN.

DEFENDER OF JUSTICE

A concern for social justice during the political climate of the 1980s prompted Professor Pamela Schwikkard's decision to enter the law profession.

However, it was a stint as a contract lecturer at the former University of Natal's Faculty of Law in 1987, where she developed a love for academia. Twenty one years on she has been appointed Dean of the Faculty of Law at the University of Cape Town, a position she will assume next year. She is currently the Head of the Department of Public Law at UCT.

Schwikkard who focuses on the law of evidence and

PAMELA
SCHWIKKARD



constitutional criminal procedure, attributes her success to hard work, generous mentoring and at challenging moments, a sense of humour. She has contributed to a number of publications and serves as a member of the South African Law Reform Commission and on the board of the International Journal of Evidence and Proof.

While Schwikkard considers assertiveness, empathy towards people and a strong sense of ethics the essential attributes of a good lawyer, she advises prospective students to enter the profession only if they are passionate about it.

On the issue of threats to South Africa's judicial independence she said: "Judicial independence is an important component of a functional democracy and must be protected. The heated public debate, although unseemly at times, indicates that judicial independence is valued by many and provided as a society we recognise our role in protecting judicial independence I do not think there is an immediate threat ..."

PRINCIPLED BUSINESSPERSON

Co-founder of the J&J Group Jayendra Naidoo's business philosophy embraces an ethical business and social environment, the creation of high quality, sustainable jobs, social development, economic growth and development, and the creation of value for shareholders and partners.

Established in 1999, the J&J Group is today a South African-based investment holding and management company. The J&J Group Development Trust has committed R50m to developing non-profit projects in South Africa in the fields of education, health and welfare.

Naidoo hails from Durban, and enrolled at the former University

JAYENDRA NAIDOO



of Durban-Westville for a BProc degree in 1977. He left University in mid-1981 to become a full time trade union official of the Commercial Catering and Allied Workers Union of SA (CCAWUSA), which later became SACCWU. In 1991 he joined the Congress of SA Trade Unions (COSATU), initially as Co-ordinator of the ANC Alliance delegation to the National Peace Accord process, the forerunner of the country's constitutional negotiating process, and thereafter as the Negotiations Co-ordinator. He was a leading member of the multi-party peace initiatives COSATU was involved in, including the Natal Joint Working Committee, the National Peace Committee and the National Peace Secretariat.

Between 1995 and 1998 Naidoo served as the first Executive Director of the National Economic Development and Labour Council (NEDLAC). In 1999 he served as the Chief Negotiator representing the office of the President on the Government's Strategic Defence Procurement Programme. He participated in several government task teams and bodies, including the selection panel appointed by President Mandela to review and shortlist members to serve on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

Alumnus events

The Alumni Affairs Office held a number of successful events in the first half of 2008. Some of the activities included:



2008 Golden Alumni Reunion.

The 2008 Golden Alumni Reunion was held on the Pietermaritzburg campus on 11 April. This year was the turn of the graduates of 1957-1959 and all graduates from 1959 and before were invited.

The function was attended by 58 graduates. One came from England and a number traveled from Gauteng and the Free State. KwaZulu-Natal

was well-represented.

After morning tea in a marquee in front of the Staff Club, guests were treated to a campus tour, visiting the sports grounds, the UKZN Botanical Gardens, the Alan Paton Centre and the main campus. A group photograph was taken on the steps leading to the Colin Webb Hall. Guests returned to the marquee for lunch –

with Chris Jensen playing a number of musical favourites.

Guest Speaker, the Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Humanities, Development and Social Studies, Professor Jenny Clarence-Fincham provided the graduates with an overview of the University post the merger. All guests received a UKZN memento and information pack.

Eastern and Western Cape



Cape Town.

The Alumni Affairs Office co-ordinated three very successful and well-attended events in the Eastern and Western Cape during March 2008 and met over 170 alumni.

At each of the dinners in East London, Port Elizabeth and Cape Town alumni were provided with the opportunity to network, reminisce about their *alma mater* and to be updated on the developments taking place at the University. The Guest Speaker, Pro-Vice-Chancellor: Corporate Relations, Professor Dasarath Chetty, provided an informative and comprehensive overview of the developments and projects at UKZN.

The alumni appreciated the opportunity to receive updates on the University, which reassured them of the international status of their own qualifications and their *alma mater*, and provided them with the confidence and knowledge to recommend the University to family and friends as well as of the benefits of supporting the University in a number of ways.

Entrepreneurship Workshop

Alumni Affairs co-ordinated a two-day Entrepreneurship Workshop for alumni from 24-26 June. Topics covered included The Entrepreneur and Management in Small Business Partnerships, Writing a Business Plan, and Franchising as a Business Opportunity. Similar workshops have been held annually for the past six years to help graduates secure vital skills required for their future development.

The was attended by 45 alumni

and was facilitated by Business Partners Limited, one of South Africa's leading specialised investment companies for small and medium enterprise.

Mrs Nimo Naidoo, Marketing Manager at Business Partners said: "We started these workshops when we realised the need to close the gap between practice and theory. We want to expose students to the way things work out there and provide



Entrepreneurship Workshop: Westville campus.

them with the skills to cope." Business Partners assists new market entrants to get starter funds and are put in a technical assistance programme where they are allocated a mentor for added support.

Graduation 2008

The Alumni Affairs Office had a very busy March preparing for the April 2008 graduations. One of the largest tasks associated with this important series of graduations was the securing, printing and collating of materials for the nearly 7 650 Graduation Packages which were distributed to the graduates at the twenty-one graduations.

The Alumni Affairs Office also liaised with all members of the Convocation Executive Committee in order to secure and co-ordinate the Robing Officers for each graduation. All graduates are robed by a member of the Convocation Executive – a symbolic gesture that they are now part of the larger fraternity of UKZN graduates.

After each series of graduations the information on each graduate is secured by the Alumni Affairs Office and imported onto the Alumni Database. This Database currently has information on nearly 138 000 alumni.



From left: Ms Fikile Magubane, SA Consul-General in New York; and Professor Fikile Mazibuko, Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Head of the College of Humanities.

New York

Fifty alumni, grantmakers and friends of the University gathered in the functions room of the South African Consulate-General in New York on 30 April. The UKZN Foundation and the Alumni Affairs Office co-ordinated this successful event with the assistance of the Consulate-General and Ms Bridget Paverd, wife of the President of the Alumnus Association in the United States, Mr Richard Paverd. Guests were offered an opportunity to reconnect in style, to

sample great South African wines, listen to a great New York jazz band and to learn more about UKZN.

The evening began with a welcome by the South African Consul-General in New York, Ms Fikile Magubane, who emphasized the importance of Higher Education in South Africa, and the value that graduates in the US could offer UKZN. Richard Paverd (richard@paverd.com) extended a warm welcome on behalf of the

Alumnus Association in the United States, and encouraged graduates to get involved in the affairs of the University. Professor Fikile Mazibuko, Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Head of the College of Humanities gave a presentation entitled "Update on the Merger at UKZN" at which she highlighted the robust nature of the University four years after its creation.

The event proved to be an auspicious start to re-engaging with alumni in the United States.

Project Management Workshop

Alumni Affairs co-ordinated a two-day, interactive Project Management Workshop for recent graduates on 2 and 3 July on the Howard College campus. The Workshop was facilitated by Miss Vani Moodley of Vani Moodley & Associates and attended by 46 alumni, some of whom traveled from as far afield as Nelspruit, Pretoria and Richards Bay to attend the Workshop.

The Workshop covered topics such as 'Awareness and knowledge of project management', 'Defining and understanding the project life cycle', 'Project planning', 'Leadership and team-work', 'Project monitoring and control' and 'Post project review'.

Due to the demand for - and positive feedback received from participants – similar Workshops will be offered in 2009.



Project Management Workshop: Howard College campus.



UNIVERSITY OF KWAZULU-NATAL

Graduate School of Business

Overview

To be considered World Class, Business Schools need to establish and nurture a mutually beneficial relationship between the Institution and its Alumni. Alumni play an important role in ensuring that the School is meeting and exceeding the needs of Industry and also ensuring the growth and development of the School. The University of KwaZulu-Natal, Graduate School of Business aims to develop a strong Alumni Association with both a national and international footprint.

Aims and Objectives of the GSB Alumni Association

The aims and objects of the Association shall be to further the general development and promotion of the University in every possible way, and specifically development and promotion pertaining to the Graduate School of Business, and especially by the following means:

- stimulating and encouraging the interest and participation of Association members in the University and specifically in the Graduate School of Business, and in one way or another, through the organization of meetings, lectures, social functions and other appropriate activities;
- fostering a correspondence between constituent bodies of the University and between the University and the community at large;
- supporting Convocation in its endeavours to ensure the academic freedom of the University; and
- collecting funds for the advancement of any or all of the general or specific aims and objectives outlined above.

Benefits of Joining the Association

The Association will provide GSB Alumni Association members with opportunities to participate in a range of School related activities which include:

- Invitations to talks and events
- Networking opportunities
- Research partnerships
- Opportunities to assist with mentorship
- Opportunities to lecture part-time
- Opportunities to assist with fund-raising
- Becoming Ambassadors for the GSB

You are encouraged to please confirm your support by completing the attached Membership Form and returning the completed form to Kiru Naidoo

Fax: (031) 260-7679 or e-mail: naidook87@ukzn.ac.za



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Graduate School of Business Alumni Association
Membership Application Form

Title:	
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First Names:	
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Cell Number:	
Year of Graduation:	

Type of Membership	
Graduate Member	
Academic Staff Member (Including Ex-Staff)	
Affiliate Member (Including current students)	



EMS Celebrates 20 Years

The Enriched Management Studies (EMS) Programme was founded in 1989 as the Faculty of Management Studies' community outreach initiative. Initially, it was a bridging programme for African students wanting to do BCom. However, as it became evident that the programme was attracting high caliber students, the focus changed from bridging to mainstream studies.

The EMS Programme is sponsor-driven and students are selected by the Programme's staff in conjunction with representatives from sponsors. This relationship has ensured that students selected meet both the academic and workplace criteria as most of these students end up being employed by their sponsors.

Over the 19 year of the programme's existence, more than 500 African graduates have come through the programme, including more than 40 chartered accountants. A number of these graduates occupy senior positions in both the government and private sector organizations.

To highlight its achievements and acknowledge the contributions from various stakeholders, the EMS Programme will hold a series of celebratory events next year, culminating in a business breakfast.

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60th Anniversary of Agriculture

2008 marks the 60th year since the advent of Agricultural teaching on UKZN's Pietermaritzburg campus. The University will commemorate this historic occasion by holding various celebratory activities on Friday, 28 November 2008 on the Pietermaritzburg campus.

Activities will include a tour of some of the old and new agricultural facilities and a symposium and exhibition highlighting the key aspects and challenges of agriculture in Africa. The day will culminate in a dinner providing a convivial environment in which to renew old acquaintances and reminisce about the 'good old days'.

Detailed information regarding the celebrations will be mailed to all agriculture alumni.

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Reunion of Salisbury Islanders

A reunion of everyone who was part of the family at Salisbury Island from its inception in 1961 until its closure in 1971 is planned for 2009.

It is intended to include all Salisbury Island graduates and members of staff as well as students who registered there and did not complete their degrees or diplomas.

If the idea of a reunion appeals to you, please provide your updated contact details to:

Zanele Ndlala or Esme Estrice

Alumni Affairs Office: Corporate Relations, UKZN

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We look forward to receiving your information!

The Indwe Risk Services Short Story Competition

THE winners of the 2007 Short Story competition organised by short term insurance broker, Indwe Risk Services, in partnership with the Alumni Affairs Unit of Corporate Relations, were announced on 6 June 2008.



From left: Ms Sue Roberts (Third Prize Winner); Mr Mthokozisi Buthelezi (Second Prize Winner); Ms Xoliswa Zulu, Mr Len Mzimela, Ms Angela Donval, Mr Finn Christensen and Mrs Zanela Ndlala.

UKZN alumni had been invited to submit entries for the competition on the theme: "Family, Friends and other Creatures".

Entries were received from within South Africa and internationally with prize-money totalling R10 000 up for grabs. Two of the three winners were present when the results were announced at a lunchtime function at the Inchanga Hotel.

The first-prize winner, Mrs Tonia Cope Bowley, based in the United Kingdom, donated half of her prize money of R5 000 to her *alma mater* and the remainder to an external initiative in the KwaZulu-Natal Midlands.

The second and third prize winners were Mr Mthokozisi Buthelezi and Ms Sue Roberts. Mr Buthelezi is from the Faculty of Agriculture, Engineering and Science and Ms Roberts is from the Faculty of Humanities, Development and Social Studies.

Extracts from the winning entreis are published below. The full versions have been placed on the alumni website <http://alumniaffairs.ukzn.ac.za>.

1st Prize

Quiet Kumalo

Tonia Cope Bowley

Once upon a turn-of-the-world, on the edge of a remote African village, a boy child was born to Solly and Maria. In his mother's eyes he was a perfect baby. He was tiny, with deep brown eyes and crinkly black hair. From the beginning he was a happy baby and did not cry very much. When he did cry it was like music in his mother's ear. She had wanted a baby for so long and at last she was a proud and contented mother. In contrast, Solly did not share her happiness. He seemed distant and disturbed by this disruption to his quiet life. The crying made him feel uneasy and if the truth be told he resented this extra mouth to feed when they could hardly feed themselves.

These days Solly was often

disgruntled. But Maria, his third wife, remembered the days when he was tall and strong and kind to her. Then Maria was young, beautiful and bright and Solly had thought she would make a good wife to care for him in his old age. Maria had been afraid to marry because a friend who had also had an arranged marriage was desperately unhappy. Her husband drank a lot and beat her. But Maria knew Solly was not like that. Their marriage celebrations had lasted for a whole week. For sixteen year old Maria it was an exciting time. All too soon Solly had to go back to his work on the gold mines. Maria was sad as it would be a year before she saw him again. The work was dangerous. She had heard of rock falls and men being

trapped deep underground. Some never came out alive.

For that first year Maria lived with her parents. They were poor but somehow saved enough to buy Maria her own plot of ground. They helped her build her first hut and Maria decorated it inside and out in the traditional way. Solly returned after a year and was happy with their new home. After a month he went back to work like the other migrant workers. This was the pattern for the next nine years.

When Solly came home after the ninth year Maria was shocked. He had lost weight, was not eating much and spent most of the time coughing. She looked after him as best she could but could only afford mealie-meal. When the month was up he

struggled back to Johannesburg only to return within three weeks a lot worse. His boss told him he was no longer fit to work but the mine would pay him a small pension every month. Solly gave Maria most of the pension and said he was glad to stop work and come home because down in the deep mine he'd felt bad and was too weak to work.

Ever since they'd married Maria had wanted a baby. At last, a year after Solly stopped work, Kumalo was born. Every day Maria would look at her baby and ask herself: "What shall we call him?" The name must be special and suit his character.' She tried to talk to Solly on this important matter but he was not interested and simply called the baby 'Umfaan'.

2nd Prize

Egawulwa Ezizweni

by Mthokozisi Buthelezi

Kusebusuku inkungu ikhasa phansi lapho umfoka Sithole ebuya eGoli kade eyozama amatoho. Ufika nje ekhaya akamnandi kahle emoyeni wakhe kanye nakubazali bakhe, ingani phela uZakhele umfoka Jobe lona usethanda ukugxila kakhulu emanzini amponjwana. Lento uyiqale ngonyaka odlule emva kokushiya yisingan-damathe sakhe akade esithanda kakhulu futhi singaconsi phansi ngisho nakubazali bakhe imbala. Lentokazi yakwaMthethwa egama layo nguFikile ivele yathi akame ukulobola ngoba yona isafuna ukuzidelisa ngokomhlaba maqede yanyamalala endaweni. Okubi kakhulu ukuthi bese kuze kwavela nomuntu wesithathu indodakazi phela.

Ufika ekhaya nje uZakhele uzimisele ngokuthola umuntu azopholisa inhliziyi yakhe futhi angabi kude kakhulu nasekhaya nakuye imbala. Ubeke asho phambilini ukuthi zisekhona izintombi eziphilayo esigodini saso-Shwashweni. Lendawo isadume ngokuthi kukhona izintombi ezibhincayo futhi ziyayishaya nengoma, azibhekani nesinothongwana sensizwa uma kungukuthi zisemcimbini ziyishaya ziyikhiphe ngale kanti nasendukwini ziyazifikela, lezi'ntombi zisaphethwe amaqhikiza azisiwona umhlambi kazalusile njengezakwezinye izigodi. Phela lendawo ayiqhelile kakhulu nangakubo ngoba ukusuka eCinci uya oShwashweni kungamakhilomitha alishumi nambili nje kuphela.

Uhleli nje ekhaya uyaqhubeka nophuzo lwakhe futhi usephuza ngamandla, uMaNdaba naye akazibekile phansi uyayikhuza indodana yakhe aphinde uma isihlupha isiphuma esandleni athi ukuyibamba nangomshiza. Phela uMaNdaba wakhula elusa izinkomo zikayise engahlulwa nsizwa lapha entabeni uma beqhathwa. Wayeyishaya insizwa aze ayifake ngaphansi eziketini ize izisholo yona ithi maluju.

Okuyizintombi ayekhula nazo wayemane azisongasonge nje ngoba kwathi ngelinye ilanga ematasatasa elungisela ukusenga izinkomo, kwaqhamuka uNozizwe enye yamadodakazi kaKhumalo owayeyisigwili sendawo ithunywe khona kubo kaMaNdaba wamfika engaphansi enkomeni esenga wase emchwensa ngeculo elithi ngilihambile izwe ngaze ngafika lapho intombi iseng' inkomo, wathi akafe uMaNdaba waqeda ukusenga washiya kudla lokho owayefanele akudle ngoba wayethi uma esezosenga adle bese ekhuphulela izinkomo entabeni, wayocutha emfuleni lapho ikha khona amanzi wayifika lapho wayithela igala kwacitheka ibhakede eyayisilithwele.

Kuthe nje langalimbe uZakhele eziphumulele ngaphansi kwesihlahla ezindlela amathambo engqondo kwafika umzala wakhe uSipho wamcela ukuba amphelezele ukuya khona belu oShwashweni phela umzala wakhe lona wayenayo intombi ngakhona, efunda kwesinye sezikole esidume kakhulu ngokuphasa ngamalengiso ebangeni leshumi

iWelabasha High school. Kwasekuyizikhathi zasemini bahambe bathe befika washaya iphoyinti ngendlela yakhe umzala wakhe yaphuma lentokazi. Iphuma nje ayihambi yodwa ihamba nomngane wayo. Lezizintokazi zihlala emizini yabantu abaseduze nesikole ukuze zikwazi ukufunda kahle ebusuku. Kuke kwenzeke izinto zizenzakalele ungaqondile njengakuye uZakhele ngoba ngalo lelo langa wayephelezela umzala wakhe hhayi ngoba wayethi uyoshela kanti uzothatheka yilentokazi ehamba neka mzala wakhe pho ikhona bo, isho ngesihle isitho lesi esiphuphuze la uboya ayidle ngabuhle obukhulu kodwa ukuthi iyazazi ithi uma imama theka kufacake izihlathi, iyakhanya nangebala.

Nayo ekamazala iwuphuma langa sikothe wawungafunga ukuthi zikhethane ngabo ubuhle lobu. Wathatheka impela umfoka Jobe pho wayengagayelwa mphako wahlala kuyo izithonto futhi phela umandla kakhulu uma ethe ukuthi halakasha kancane izinyembezi zikakhwini. Lentokazi iyabonakala ukuthi iseyijongosi langempela iyazizwa noma ihamba, iyazikhulumela hhayi indaba yokudlala igama layo kuwu Zinhle kaGubhela uKhabazela uMkhize.

Zashukana nomfoka Sithole kwacaca ukuthi uhlangane nentombi yangempela ungeke usho ukuthi yingane yamanje ungayiqhathanisa nezintombi zakudala lezi ezazithatha izinyanga noma iminyaka ziqophisana nensizwa. Kwaphela amasonto amathathu elokhu ezama uZakhele kwathi kwelesine kwacaca ukuthi

uJobe uyayehlula manje ngamazwi lentokazi kaMkhize. Phela umfoka Jobe wayengayiqedi inyangama eqophisana nentombi lokhu wakuthatha kuyise uQaqamba owayeyisoka lamanyala ngezikhathi zakhe.

Bahlangana noMaNdaba ngoba wayezizwa kakhulu uQaqamba futhi namanje kusenjalo edlala isicathamiya ezikacothoza mfana ehamba ngebhasikili lakhe elalihlezi libhoniwe phela ibhayisikili kwakuyinto enkulu kuqala. Okuyizintombi zazi zizela nje kuQaqamba noMaNdaba wangena nje ngoba kwakuyintokazi enhle esho ngefiga yomnyovu, ilishiyile igade isho ngobuso obucijile, ikhala kwakungathi elomlungu. Naye uMaNdaba wayembona eza lapha uQaqamba ngenxa yokubenezela kwebhayisikili.

3rd Prize

Frodo's Package Tour

by Sue Roberts

Jessie slammed the phone down and glared at Isabel.

'He says he doesn't want to come,' she said incredulously. 'He says he's too busy. To go to the Berg? What an idiot!'

'Well, he's your cousin,' said Isabel. 'It must be in the genes.'

'Says he's got a gig on the Friday night,' continued Jessie, ignoring her. 'What a pathetic excuse! He could easily travel up and join us on the Saturday. It's not that far. If he gets an early start he can be there before lunch.'

Isabel couldn't imagine a tired, hung over musician wanting to get up early on a day off to follow his domineering cousin into the Berg.

'Maybe he just wants a quiet weekend at home,' she said.

'I'll show him a quiet week-

end,' said Jessie darkly. 'I'll kidnap Frodo.'

'Who's Frodo?'

'His garden gnome.'

'Andrew has a garden gnome called Frodo?'

'Not by choice,' said Jessie, 'some crazy fan gave it to him. He called it Frodo because he'd just seen Lord of the Rings and said it had a face like Elijah Wood.'

Isabel tried to picture a concrete gnome with Elijah Wood's face and failed.

'Whatever,' she said resignedly.

'So here's the plan,' whispered Jessie, 'Oddjob knows we're coming, so the gate...'

'Oddjob?' asked Isabel.

'Andrew's factotum...'

'Factotum?' asked Joe from the back seat.

'Will you two stop repeating everything I say and just listen! Andrew has a manservant who does his housekeeping and gardening – a sort of general factotum – and he calls him Oddjob. Now, he knows we're coming so he's leaving the gate open for us. I had to tell him, because the last person who tried to sneak into Andrew's garden to play a joke on him ended up in the boot of Oddjob's car. The gnome is on the edge of the lawn by the swimming pool, looking up at Andrew's window – don't interrupt, Isabel; that's where his crazy stalker put it and that's where Andrew's left it ever since – so all we have to do is sneak around the garage and pick it up. Joseph, you'll do that because you've got the darkest skin and won't be seen...'

'Ja, bring the darkie to do the

dirty work,' muttered Joe.

'Stop interrupting! You agreed to be in on this.'

'Didn't have much choice,' protested Joe. 'Joking, joking! I'm only joking. Carry on.'

'In the meantime, Isabel will turn the car around in the drive for a quick getaway as soon as Joe's got Frodo.'

'And what are you going to be doing?' asked Isabel. 'Distracting Andrew?'

'Andrew's not there; he's out having supper with friends tonight.'

'Why are going through all this cloak and dagger stuff if he's not even there?' asked Joe. 'Why don't we casually stroll in, take our time, ring the doorbell...'

'Because it's more exciting this way.'

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Class Notes is a collection of short biographies sent to us by alumni from all over the world, highlighting their personal and professional achievements. Through these notes, alumni keep in touch and find old friends.

1950s

MARK OVENDEN - BSc'53 joined Union Whaling in Durban after graduating and stayed with them for 10 years as Chief Chemist, during which time he added a Unisa BA in English and Psychology. In 1963 he joined Reckitt and Colman in Cape Town heading up their commercial and technical research. Mark did a three year spell in the UK with Reckitts as Secretary to the Overseas Board, Planning Manager and PA to the Chairman, during which time he was sent to the London Graduate Business School for a short course MBA. He returned to Cape Town in 1970 and joined the surgical operation of Johnson and Johnson as a Divisional Director, Marketing Director and Deputy MD. After five years he left to take over as MD of BOC's medical equipment business in South Africa and in 1983 was again sent to the UK to take over as UK Operations Director. He spent the remainder of his working career with the Confederation of British Industry. He retired in 1997 and returned to Cape Town in 2002, where he plays competitive bridge and paints and is completing his MA in literature. Email: markov@altonet.co.za

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1960s

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In South Africa, Peter had several poems published in literary magazines. In 2007 self-published a novel set during the Siege of Ladysmith in the Boer War titled *Hear the Ring-dove Call*. Peter has also written six feature screenplays. His sporting highlights include having been selected to play right wing for the Natal Under Twenty rugby team in 1960 and being selected for the South African Universities B Cricket Team as an opening batsman.

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1970s

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He was offered a position of Deputy Research and Development Manager at Fine Chemicals Corporation in Cape Town, a company in the SA Druggists Group. He was appointed Director of Technical Operations. He is proud of the contribution that he has made to new product development and registration of these in many countries around the world. He is one of the inventors of a process described in a patent for the manufacture of a chiral drug that is in clinical trials at this time.

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Persons in Community

AFRICAN ETHICS
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SHAMELESS

by Futhi Ntshingila

Thandiwe lives by her own rules. She shamelessly sells her body on the

streets of Yeoville and views her job as no different from those of young black graduates who take up affirmative action posts as perpetual juniors under soul-destroying mentors.

Thandiwe's searing views on the post-apartheid corporate world become public when she is approached by Kwena, a young film-maker who is interested in telling the stories of prostitutes and the shameful secrets of many.

It's a long way from the poor, rural village where Thandiwe and her best friend Zonke grew up, facing the many challenges of a vulnerable childhood together. They both fend off unwanted sexual attention and Thandiwe

loses her mother in a freak accident, leaving her an orphan. When she runs away from her guardians to avoid circumcision, Thandiwe arrives in Jo'burg and soon launches her unconventional career.

While Zonke pursues a more sheltered and conventionally successful course of action, Thandiwe has to fight fiercely for her independence, even at the risk of endangering her own life.

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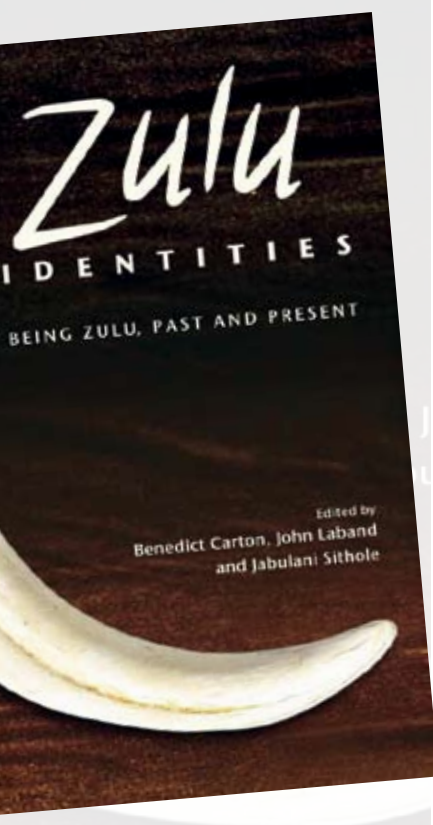
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FOR THE SAKE OF SILENCE

For the Sake of Silence, the latest novel by Professor Michael Green, was launched at the 2008 Time of the Writer Festival. Set against the history of the Mariannhill Monastery outside Durban, the work is of great local and general interest.

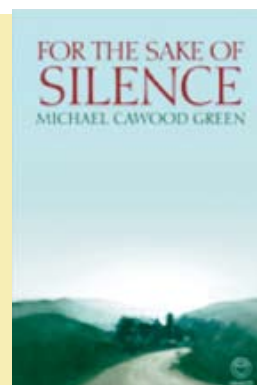
Professor JM Coetzee, winner of the 2003 Nobel Prize in Literature writes, "Of the Trappist enterprise in nineteenth-century South Africa, with all its passionate personal rivalries and Byzantine internal politics, Michael Cawood Green has made a work of history cum fiction that will grip and sometimes amaze the reader."

Professor Green of the English Department was recently appointed Head of the School of Literary Studies, Media and Creative Arts. He was given his second Distinguished Teaching Award last year on the basis of the undergraduate and postgraduate Creative Writing courses he introduced and developed at UKZN.

For the Sake of Silence is based upon the founding of the Trappist monastery of Mariannhill. Deeply researched, it follows the monastery's inexorable slide into the missionary work forbidden to Trappists, and the storm that breaks as the monks' silent life drifts into the world of words.

It is a book developed out of travel as much as of time. The journeys necessary for its writing took in some of the more obscure corners of southern Africa and include equally obscure corners in Germany, Austria, Italy, the Czech Republic, Ireland, and Britain.

Professor Green's previous publications include a book-length study on the uses of history in fiction, *Novel Histories*, and his own first work of historical fiction, *Sinking*, both published in 1997.



PROMOTING ADULT LITERACY

A new book produced by New Readers Publishers (NRP), *MaLulu's Place* will support existing efforts to promote adult literacy.

NRP is a project of UKZN's Centre for Adult Education. The Centre was set up in 1991 when very few books were published in South Africa for adults learning to read for the first time (i.e. books with adult content that were easy to read). This situation was especially dire in African languages. The books that did exist were invariably cheaply produced and uninspiring and did not motivate adults to consolidate newly acquired literacy skills. This project aims to make a contribution to an increase in adult literacy and the promotion of a reading culture.

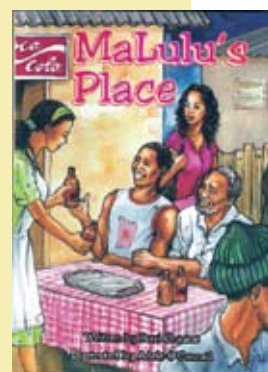
NRP now has 92 titles in print and has books in all South Africa's official languages and a variety of genres. Many of the books are written and edited in workshops by first language speakers.

Nationally, the books are used in Adult Basic Education and Training (ABET) projects – corporate, government and NGO and in all levels of the education system for both first and additional language learning. They are also housed in the National Library, the provincial, city libraries and community libraries.

They form part of the African Publishers Network (APNET) African literature collection and they are on permanent display in the Centre for the Book showcase of South African publications in Cape Town. The books have been exhibited at many national and international conferences, including in Swaziland, Uganda and Ghana at the International Reading Association affiliated conferences of the Pan African Reading Association.

Books are also sold in the United States through an American agent and are used in the 22 universities in the United States that teach Zulu, including Yale and Cornell. The books are sold in the United Kingdom through a specialist ABE book distributor, mostly for use in English Second Language classes. In the last three years, an average of 24 000 books has been distributed per year.

To find out more about the work of New Readers Publishers, go to www.newreaders.org.za or phone the Project Manager, Sonya Keyser on 031 – 260 2568.



Vision, Mission, Goals and Core Values for the University of KwaZulu-Natal

VISION

To be the Premier University of African scholarship.

MISSION

A truly South African university that is academically excellent, innovative in research, critically engaged with society and demographically representative, redressing the disadvantages, inequities and imbalances of the past.

PRINCIPLES AND CORE VALUES

The University commits itself to the principles and values enshrined in the constitution of the Republic of South Africa and articulated in the preamble to the Higher Education Act of 1997 (as amended).

GOALS

The goals of the University are to:

- Promote access to learning

that will expand educational and employment opportunities for the historically disadvantaged, and support social transformation and redress.

- Create and develop an enabling environment for all learners and scholars to pursue their studies in accordance with the principles of academic freedom.
- Advance knowledge and culture through globally competitive teaching, learning, scholarship and research, innovation and scientific investigation.
- Foster a capacity for independent critical thinking, free engagement in fundamental discovery and a reappraisal and extension of traditional views of the world amongst students and staff.
- Support and contribute, across the academic enterprise, to national and regional development, and the welfare and upliftment of the

wider community.

- Provide holistic education which promotes an awareness of social responsibility and sound ethical practice in a diverse society.
- Promote and foster tolerance and respect for multilingualism, diverse cultures and social values.
- Promote excellence in teaching and learning through creative and innovative curriculum design and development, pedagogical strategies and assessment practices in accordance with sound quality assurance principles.
- Strengthen the institution through local and international collaboration, exchanges and partnerships with the private sector and higher education institutions in teaching, research and development enterprises.
- Conserve the physical environment and foster a culture of

responsible, ethical and sustainable use of natural resources.

- Increase opportunities for lifelong learning in response to the educational, social, political, scientific and economic challenges of our time.
- Equip graduates to serve as future leaders of the nation.
- Ensure effective governance through democratic representation, accountability and transparency.
- Promote the social and personal wellbeing of staff and students and foster the realisation of their full human potential.

The University views this vision and mission statement as a reflection of its core values and commitments. In carrying out its various activities, the University seeks to contribute to the building of a just South African society.





